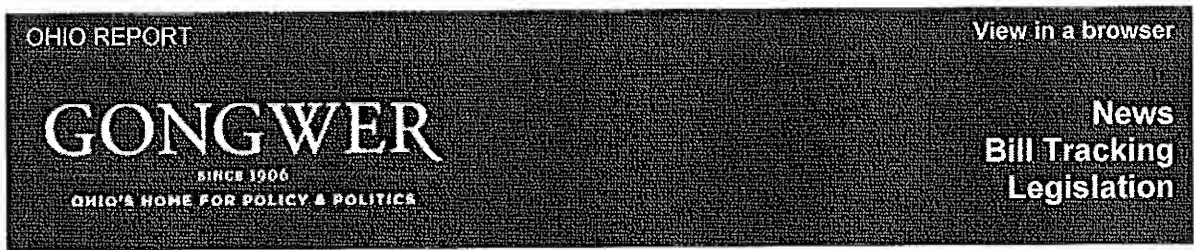


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Senate Taking Second Look At Primary Care Program Cut By House

A Medicaid program designed to improve quality and save money in primary care that was eliminated in the House's revisions to the biennial budget bill could see new life in the Senate.

The House removed new spending for the Comprehensive Primary Care program when it adopted its substitute version of the budget (HB 49) last month. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 25, 2017)

Eliminating the CPC program, also known as the patient-centered medical home program, would save the state nearly \$33 million in state share General Revenue Fund dollars over the biennium. (LSC Comp Doc)

Brad Miller, spokesman for Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), said the program was cut as part of an effort to reduce spending by not approving any new program spending in Medicaid.

"The goal was essentially to try and maintain as best as possible, without spending new money," he said in an email.

The Kasich administration, meanwhile, said the program's elimination could end up costing the state more in the long run.

A white paper from the Governor's Office of Health Transformation said the termination of the program would reduce total spending to primary care doctors by \$123 million once federal drawdown money is included. It would also require the state to repay \$9.3 million in federal funding already spent on CPC practices and to forfeit \$36.1 million in federal grants.

The CPC program is also designed to save the state money by keeping patients healthier, with the state estimating it would save about \$370 million through 2020 by avoiding high-cost Medicaid services.

"We pay the best providers the same dollar amount that we pay the worst providers," Medicaid Director Barbara Sears said in an interview. "CPC allows us to begin to have that conversation about how do we benefit the providers who are most helping us reach what our goal is, and that is quality outcomes at a lower cost."

The CPC program, which launched early this year with a select group of practices and will expand to more in the coming years, is designed to incentivize primary care doctors to take a broader role in ensuring patients are healthy. That includes making access to

basic care easier and dealing with the social determinants of health. The program is not limited to Medicaid, as private plans and Medicare have adopted similar models. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 2, 2016)

The goal, Director Sears said, is to pay doctors to keep people healthy, not just for services.

"If it's fee-for-service, I know I have to pay by a code number, but I know there's things that don't fit into a code number that help people get better," she said.

The program has received support from some members of the Senate Finance Health and Medicaid Subcommittee. Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London), the subcommittee's chairman, said it didn't make much sense to abandon the program once it has already started. He said the program is part of a shift toward keeping people more healthy, as opposed to paying to care for them when they're sick.

"The buy-in to wellness is the best I've ever seen in my lifetime," he said in an interview.

Director Sears fielded questions about the program during a hearing last week.

"If I fund them a little extra to keep somebody well, I will ultimately save money," she told Sen. Hackett. "What was taken out of the House in the CPC work essentially limits our opportunity to put a doctor in charge of somebody's wellness."

Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville) said the program is not a new concept and that removing it from the budget would stop the work that has already begun.

"It's also my understanding that CPC or comprehensive primary care actually has a return on investment to the state of Ohio," he said.

Encouraging more use of primary care doctors can save money for patients and payers by dealing with small problems before they become costly, said Reggie Fields, spokesman for the Ohio State Medical Association.

"You don't wait until you have a significant serious illness before you see a doctor," he said. "When you have access to a family physician, a primary care doctor, then you have the opportunity to have wellness checks and maybe identify some medical concerns before they become significant medical concerns."

ODE, Teacher Unions Object To House's Elimination Of Training Program From Budget

The administration and teacher groups are challenging a budget amendment backed by House leadership to eliminate a training program for new educators.

Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) proposed the change after hearing from teachers that the state's residency program and accompanying Resident Educator Summative Assessment was taking their focus away from students, his spokesman Brad Miller said.

Meanwhile, opponents of the budget (HB 49) change admit that the four-year process can be daunting and modifications are needed, but they insist it is necessary.

"We are concerned that the sudden elimination of this program will leave a gaping void in our system of supports for new teachers," Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria told the Senate Finance Committee and a subcommittee on primary and secondary education.

"We are committed to improvement, have made improvements every year, and would like to have the opportunity to address issues with the system, rather than see it eliminated," he said. "The resident educator program is an important part of Ohio's strategy for training educators for a life-long career of excellence in the classroom."

All new teachers are required to complete the program, which includes working with mentors, reflective journaling and a final exam.

The House-added language would eliminate the program and relieve those who are currently in the midst of it from passing a final exam in order to be awarded a five-year professional educator license.

Speaker Rosenberger believes that nixing the program would allow new educators to put more time and energy into their classrooms, his spokesman said.

"The speaker understands and appreciates the importance of having quality teachers in the classroom so that children can earn a top-notch education," Mr. Miller said. "He believes removing the burdens of this assessment will make it easier for them to do just that."

According to a Legislative Service Commission fiscal analysis, discontinuing RESA, which participating teachers can take in the third year of the program, would save the Department of Education \$5 million each fiscal year.

Districts could also see a financial benefit because they will no longer be required to train and provide mentors, the analysis notes.

Ultimately, Mr. Miller said the goal of the budget proposal is to bring about discussion on additional changes that can be made.

"The speaker believes this amendment can start an important conversation for how best to move forward, and he is always open to working with all sides of the issue," he said.

Ohio Federation of Teachers President Melissa Cropper said her organization is currently appealing to the Senate to maintain the program and require the Ohio Standards Board to recommend opportunities to streamline it.

The program would also be benefited by the state assigning districts more resources to ensure new teachers and those serving as mentors have the supports they need, she said.

"What we're trying to stress is that if you want to keep teachers in the profession, we've got to find a way to support them in those early years," Ms. Cropper said in an interview. "This program isn't perfect, but we can't just throw out the only support system that we currently have. If there are problems with the system, we have to find out how to make it better."

The Ohio Education Association's opposition to the amendment falls along the same lines.

"The primary reason that educators leave the profession is a lack of support. Ohio must retain quality mentoring and professional development for our new teachers in order for them to succeed with their students" the group said in a statement.

Although educators have taken issue with the exam component, doing away with the entire program "creates unintended consequences and raises unanswered questions regarding licensure," OEA continued.

Some adjustments to the program - regarded by stakeholders as positive - are already planned, Mr. DeMaria said.

Among the updates for next year are those that allow teachers to test out of the program in the third year and video tape instead of writing their responses to program assessments.

Community Colleges Seek Backup Funds For Textbook Affordability Proposal

As lawmakers and the administration debate how to reduce student textbook costs through the biennial budget, community college leaders say they've already found a way to save their students as much as \$30 million annually.

Fifteen of the state's community colleges have proposed joining forces to create open education resource materials with the help of a \$750,000 Innovation Grant. The \$5 million grant program was created in the current budget to provide awards of up to \$1.5 million to institutions with innovative project proposals.

Led by North Central State Community College, the grant proposal submitted in January outlines plans to create free online materials for 20 of the most popular community

college courses. The consortium of colleges estimated the reading materials would be used by 225,000 students.

Ohio Association of Community Colleges President Jack Hershey recently asked the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education to fund the plan in the biennial budget (HB 49) if the Department of Higher Education doesn't approve the grant.

"We were supposed to receive news about whether we would be awarded this grant from ODHE last month, but still have no word," he said. "If the proposal is either not funded or awards are still not named by the end of May, we would ask the Senate to include the requested funding in the budget."

Mr. Hershey said the plan signifies a commitment on the part of community colleges to reduce how much students pay for textbooks - something the as-introduced version of the budget forced institutions to do.

The governor's spending bill required state institutions to cover the cost of student textbooks while allowing them to increase tuition \$300 to offset the purchases.

Altered in the House, the latest version of the bill requires institutions to report on their cost-saving efforts, but doesn't set a specific goal.

Chancellor John Carey has advocated for the inclusion of a defined objective, such as a certain percentage of savings over the course of the biennium. Higher education stakeholders who opposed the original budget say they're confident they can make strides toward textbook affordability without it. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 2, 2017)

Institutions are also opposed to a provision regarding College Credit Plus textbooks. Under the House version of the budget, institutions and school districts would split the cost evenly. Currently, the latter pays the full price for textbooks.

Mr. Hershey said the community colleges' grant proposal could also address concerns in that arena since a majority of students enrolled in CCP take basic introductory courses that are the focus of the OER plan.

"We think this is a real cost savings not only for our students, but K-12 districts providing College Credit Plus," he said.

Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green), chair of the Senate subcommittee reviewing higher education portions of the budget, said he's intrigued by the OER proposal because it's unlikely the upper chamber will restore original budget language on textbooks.

"I'm very interested in moving the ball in that direction and I think textbooks and instructional materials and all of those things are still an important issue for the legislature to be engaged with," he said.

Mr. Hershey said that there are some OER materials currently available to instructors, but creating them through a collaborative process for exclusive use at Ohio colleges would ensure their availability and consistency with course standards.

He added that he'd hoped ODHE would have announced grant winners in April as originally intended because the project relies on faculty input and many professors are not available in the summer.

ODHE spokesman Jeff Robinson said Monday that the agency is still in the process of reviewing the grants and "should be announcing something soon."

Property Tax Reimbursements Contribute To Significant April Underspending

Ohio's lagging tax revenue was again balanced by significant underspending on the other side of the ledger in April.

While the Medicaid program, a consistent source of underspending, came in below estimates, it wasn't the main contributor to disbursements coming in more than 10% below what analysts expected.

Property tax reimbursements accounted for the bulk of the \$289.7 million underspending reported in April, according to the Office of Budget and Management's Monthly Financial Report.

That total means the state was 10.3% below estimates on spending, along with coming in 6.4% below revenue estimates for the month. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 3, 2017)

Disbursements from the General Revenue Fund were \$2.519 billion, or \$289.7 million below what analysts expected, according to OBM. Total revenue was \$2.682 billion, or \$182.6 million below projections.

The lagging revenue, driven by slowing economic growth, has caused lawmakers to keep a watchful eye on tax receipts as they prepare the next biennial budget. For the fiscal year to date, total revenue is 5%, or \$1.47 billion, below what the state expected.

Spending, meanwhile, is below estimates by \$1.17 billion, or 3.8%, through April.

Property tax reimbursements made up the bulk of April's underspending at \$234.8 million, or nearly 60% below estimates. For the year to date, property tax reimbursement spending is \$143.9 million, or 10%, below estimates. The variance is due to requests from counties coming later than anticipated, according to OBM, and total disbursements for the latter half of the fiscal year are anticipated to be somewhat below estimates.

Debt service payments in April were also \$16.1 million, or 21.8%, below projections, due to the use of unspent bond proceeds in the site development program to offset debt service and interest rates on recent bonds being below estimates, according to OBM.

The Medicaid program continued its trend of underspending, though at a more modest rate than recent months. For all-funds spending, it came in \$55.25 million below projections, at just under \$2.1 billion, according to the Legislative Service Commission's Budget Footnotes.

For the fiscal year to date, the Medicaid program is \$1.28 billion, or 5.7%, below estimate, with GRF spending \$873 million less than anticipated.

For the year to date, the largest positive variance in Medicaid was in the Medicare buy-in category, driven by increases in Medicare Part B premiums. Other Medicaid spending that was above estimates included payments for the comprehensive primary care program, which began making payments to participating practices in February.

Ohio Property Owners Sue Over Planned Pipeline

Dozens of northeast Ohio property owners are suing a company behind the development of a planned natural gas pipeline for allegedly violating their due process rights.

In all, 39 households - comprising 65 individuals - have signed onto the complaint filed late Friday in the U.S. District Court's Northern District of Ohio. Defendants include Nexus Gas Transmission LLC and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Nexus does not comment on ongoing litigation, but has touted the benefits of the project, which is aimed at transporting shale gas to high-demand markets in Ohio, Michigan, Chicago and Ontario.

"By expanding access to natural gas in these markets, NEXUS will provide consumers across the region with affordable, cleaner-burning and domestically-abundant natural gas to help meet the growing demand for cleaner power generation, industrial and commercial use, and home heating," the company said.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit include 26 households that are among those targeted by eminent domain and 13 others that reside within 1,200-1,500 feet of the "blast or impact radius" of the pipeline.

They're requesting a preliminary and permanent injunction against FERC in order to halt the project and calling for the commission to vacate its prior Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The FEIS, the group contends, violates the National Environmental Policy Act, "ignores critical filings by stakeholders, lacks evidentiary support, (and) is contrary to FERC's own findings."

But the plaintiffs' larger complaint centers on the use of eminent domain and claims that FERC failed to provide adequate information regarding homeowners' options when it comes to the project.

"Plaintiffs have been given false and misleading information from FERC," the lawsuit contends. "This false and misleading information is designed to trick plaintiffs into waiving their constitutional and legal rights. Further, the FERC process offers plaintiffs no meaningful opportunity to contest the taking of their property and is deficient in many respects."

Like Nexus, FERC does not comment on ongoing or pending litigation.

Plaintiffs claim that FERC neglected to tell property owners a pipeline cannot move forward until after a certificate is issued by FERC, and that the FERC's test for an issuance takes into consideration how many property owners refuse to sign an easement.

They claim that the company began approaching landowners regarding easements in February 2016 - four months prior to the project's draft environmental impact statement and nine months before the FEIS.

In addition, they claim there is no evidence the export pipeline will serve a public use and therefore the use of eminent domain in this case is a violation of both the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the Natural Gas Act.

"Nexus' taking is unconstitutional because it does not constitute a public use," the complaint reads. "The public benefits from not having their property taken to export a commodity to enrich a foreign entity."

Rover Pipeline Company Secondes History Connection's Request For Federal Dispute Resolution

Rover Pipeline LLC has agreed that federal assistance is needed in sorting out a dispute with Ohio History Connection.

OHC CEO Burt Logan earlier wrote to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission saying that the company - which is building the Rover Pipeline - has failed to live up to its end of a memorandum of agreement. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 12, 2017)

The agreement spells out how the company plans to support historic preservation in the state and was developed after the company improperly demolished the 173-year-old historic Stoneman House in Carroll County last year.

The company's obligations under the agreement include in part the creation of: a \$1.33 million endowment; a \$50,000 archeological database; a \$1 million community historic preservation fund. But the History Connection argues the company has failed to make good on that promise.

Rover has now responded to the OHC's request, with attorneys writing in a letter to FERC Acting Chairwoman Cheryl LaFleur the company "agrees that the commission's assistance is needed to resolve (the) dispute."

In the letter, Rover's attorney said the company "believes any additional contribution is unwarranted and unfair and Rover is willing to vigorously defend itself against any attempts to leverage any additional contribution."

But Rover and OHC are on the same page when it comes to their desire to enlist a third-party mediator. And like the OHC, Rover's attorneys also want the resolution process fast-tracked.

"Certain facts regarding the generation and completion of the MOA and the handling of the mitigation monetary provision were misleading and in error, and therefore we do believe that there is an impasse to resolution at this time," Rover's attorneys wrote.

"Given the high-profile nature of this project, Rover requests that this matter be assigned directly to the director of the Dispute Resolution Service, Deborah Osborne, for further proceedings. Rover also requests that an Administrative Law Judge be assigned to oversee the limited discovery that may be needed to resolve and illuminate these issues."

Groups Call For Greater Access To Attorneys For Youths; Legal Wrangling Over Autopsies Continues; New Attorneys Take Oaths...

Three groups on Monday asked the Ohio Supreme Court to strengthen rules to restrict circumstances in which youth proceed through court without counsel.

In a letter sent to the high court, the Ohio Public Defender, the ACLU of Ohio, and the Children's Law Center wrote that a 2012 rule change that prohibits courts from allowing waiver of counsel by children facing felony charges until they have privately conferred with an attorney does not go far enough.

"Ohio can and should extend the same provisions within Juv. R. 3 to any cases in which out of home placement is possible, including misdemeanor and status cases," the letter reads. "Such appointments should be made without consideration of the income level of parents, guardian or custodian as mandated by law, and incorporated into the proposed rule. Courts do not interpret this provision consistently across counties, resulting in some youth risking the denial of appointed counsel unnecessarily."

In 2015, the letter says, 77,771 cases involving delinquency and status offender youths were heard in juvenile courts in Ohio. In as many as 42% of the cases, youths were not appointed a public defender or assigned counsel or there was no reimbursement sought, the groups claim.

"No child should navigate the juvenile delinquency system without the benefit of counsel, regardless of where they live or the nature of the charge. Ohio courts have come a long

way in ensuring this happens, but this proposed rule levels the playing field for all kids," Kim Tandy, executive director of the Children's Law Center, said in a statement.

Added Jill Beeler, deputy director of the Office of the Ohio Public Defender: "Fifty years after the Supreme Court's decision in *Gault*, we still have kids making snap decisions that can impact their lives for years without the benefit of having a lawyer. It is important that a child has a lawyer to review the charges, explain the court proceedings, and most importantly, speak for them in court - be the child's advocate. That is how our system of justice was intended to work."

Rhoden Case: Pike County Coroner David Kessler is unsurprisingly opposed to providing a newspaper access to records he is fighting to keep private.

In response to a motion filed by *The Columbus Dispatch* to compel access to in-camera filings of unredacted copies of the autopsies of eight individuals murdered in Pike County, Mr. Kessler said granting the request would make the case moot.

"*The Dispatch* is not entitled to access this under seal filing because such access would both moot the case and expose sensitive confidential law enforcement investigatory records. *The Dispatch* had a full opportunity to put evidence on the record, which it did, and contest respondents' public evidence, which it also did," he wrote in the latest filing in the case.

"As this court has previously held, an under seal submission of the contested records, after a full opportunity to present evidence and brief the issues in the case, does not violate a relator's due-process rights."

In its motion to compel, the newspaper wrote it is "entitled to fair notice and an opportunity to confront, cross-examine, and respond to such evidence and whatever other 'behind-closed-door' submission respondents made."

The case, and another filed by *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, stems from the coroner's refusal to provide unredacted copies of the final autopsy reports, which the newspapers claim are public records.

However, Mr. Kessler, along with Attorney General Mike DeWine, has argued the reports are covered under an exception to the public record law for investigatory documents, and their release could negatively impact the ongoing investigation into the murders.

New Attorneys: Nearly 200 new attorneys were sworn in Monday during the May bar admission ceremony.

Justice Patrick Fischer offered remarks during the ceremony at the Palace Theater, while Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor led the new attorneys in the professional oath.

Of the 436 applicants to take the bar exam in February, 224 received passing scores.

Moot Court: Gilmour Academy in Lake County recently emerged victorious the 2017 Ohio Moot Court Competition.

The competition, hosted by the Center for Law-Related Education, involves an oral argument appealing a case already decided by a lower court.

Attorneys and judges presided over the cases involving ten high schools. Justice Fischer was one, the high court's media arm reported.

"It's a skill of standing up and speaking to a group of people and defending your view point and it's not a skill that's developed in schools these days. Whether they go into law or business, they have to stand up in front of people and defend a presentation to their boss. It's a skill they can use forever," he said.

Springfield High School came away as runner-up in the competition.

Agency Briefs: Fraud Cases Encountered by DOC, BWC, Auditor; SOS; ODA; DAS; AG; ODJFS; OEPA

The Department of Commerce announced that Michael D. Mathew of Pataskala, has pleaded guilty to over a dozen counts of fraud, theft, and misrepresentation of a security after the state filed a criminal referral.

Operating as an investment firm called Mathew Investments, LLC, Mr. Mathew solicited money from investors who believed that it would be traded on the stock market, according to DOC. Instead, Mr. Mathew used the money to repay other investors and cover his own losses.

Mr. Mathew could receive up to 120 months in prison, and his hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2017.

Workers' Compensation: The Bureau detailed a recent case of compensation fraud, in which an office manager from Hocking County attempted to save her employer over \$52,000 in workers' compensation premiums by falsifying payroll reports.

Carla Mohler will be found guilty of workers' compensation fraud unless she performs community service, completes a course on controlling workers' compensation, and pays the BWC the cost of investigating her case, the bureau reported.

BWC Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison emphasized that the BWC offers many programs which could lower employers' compensation premiums. "All employers need to do is call us and we'll work with them. Cheating BWC is a perilous path that jeopardizes a company's future while raising costs for everyone else in the system," she said in a release.

In the month of April, the BWC closed seven cases of workers' comp fraud.

State Auditor: Dave Yost announced that three checks bearing his name were recently cashed near Dayton and are under investigation by state and local authorities. The checks used the account number of the Mahoning County Treasurer's Office.

"For the record, the Auditor's office has not had check-writing authority in 10 years," Auditor Dave Yost said. "If anyone receives a check from our office, call law enforcement because it's bogus."

The Mahoning County Sheriff brought the checks to the attention of the Auditor's office after they were cashed, Mr. Yost reported. The Auditor's Office is holding a conference about fraud detection on May 16-17.

Secretary of State: Jon Husted announced that 9,569 new entities have filed to do business in Ohio in the month of April; 263 more than the same month in 2016.

This increase is attributed to the use of Ohio Business Central, the online business filing site launched four years ago by Secretary Husted. Over 240,000 filings have been processed on this website since its inception, and three out of every four entities which filed completed the process online.

According to the Secretary of State, 2016 was the seventh consecutive year with an increase in the filing of new entities.

Agriculture: The Department is introducing two new nutrient management tools: the Ohio Applicator Forecast and the Ohio Agricultural Stewardship Verification Program. The new programs are intended to help farmers improve water quality.

Several experts will be holding a discussion to explain the new tools. Director David Daniels, representatives from the National Weather Service, and local farmers will demonstrate each program and answer questions.

The discussion will be held 2-3 p.m. Wednesday at Drewes Farms in Custer.

Medical Marijuana Control Program: DOC recently held an online Q&A session concerning the cultivator application process.

The first section of answers has been published, and include explanations of some of the requirements for a cultivator license. In response to a question about the high level of financial security required for cultivating, the MMCP stated, "To control supply and ensure adequate production, licensees need to demonstrate sufficient resources to address the significant risk within the marijuana industry. Failure to thrive can directly affect the ability to provide products to patients."

Due to the large volume of questions, the rest of the answers will be posted online during the week of May 15. The rules, applications, and instructions for cultivators can be found on the Medical Marijuana Control Program's website.

Administrative Services: The department is holding an auction of surplus property on Saturday, May 20.

Surplus property includes items which are damaged or have reached the end of their lifespan of use by the government, as well as property surrendered to the TSA during pre-flight screenings. The auction includes items such as a Trauslen freezer, Champion air compressor, and a set of pallet racks. Other electronic appliances, computer equipment, and office furniture will also be available for bidding.

The auction will take place at the DAS General Services Division headquarters, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, 43228. The doors will open at 8 a.m., and the auction will begin at 9 a.m.

Attorney General: Mike DeWine announced that a group of several states, including Ohio, will join with the federal government in a settlement with the benefits company CareCore National LLC.

The settlement will resolve allegations that CareCore improperly authorized certain medical procedures which were then covered by Medicare and Medicaid. The allegations contend that CareCore set up a system which automatically approved hundreds of requests for radiology services as medically necessary, without the proper evaluation by medical professionals. This allegedly benefitted CareCore by allowing them to maintain the demand for preauthorization radiology services and avoid financial penalties for late reviews.

CareCore will pay \$54 million to the federal government in the settlement, and \$18 million of that sum will go toward state Medicare programs, Mr. DeWine reported. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Ohio Attorney General took part in the multi-state investigation efforts and settlement negotiations with CareCore.

Job and Family Services: The Department released a statement on Thursday, recognizing May as Foster Care Month in Ohio and encouraging Ohioans to become kinship and foster caregivers.

"Ohio has more than 14,000 children in foster care, and the people who provide them with safe, stable homes are true champions," ODJFS Director Cynthia Dungey said. "I'm grateful to them for their dedication and generosity, and I encourage more Ohioans to consider joining their ranks. Being a foster parent can be challenging but also extremely rewarding. It's a rare chance to make a lifelong, positive difference in the life of a child."

Foster parents must be licensed by a county public children services agency or private agency certified by the ODJFS. A directory of county agencies can be found on the ODJFS website.

Environmental Protection Agency: The Ohio EPA recently presented several grants to communities and businesses in Central Ohio.

Litter Management Grants were given to the Delaware General Health District, Knox County, Morrow County Recycling & Litter Prevention, City of Hilliard, and Franklin County Municipal Courts. Community Development Grants were given to the Ross Pickaway Highland Fayette Joint Solid Waste Management District and Columbus City Schools. Market Development Grants were given to the North Central Ohio Solid Waste Management District and Franklin County Economic Development and Planning. A Scrap Tire Grant was given to North Central Ohio Solid Waste Management District.

Ohio EPA Recycling and Litter Prevention Office grants total \$5 million this year.

Public Events: The United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment will be performing a large-scale ceremonial drill at the Statehouse at noon Tuesday. The event will take place on the West Lawn and is free and open to the public.

The first Ohio Business and Career Expo will take place on May 17 at the Ohio Expo Center's Cardinal Hall, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus.

The Expo will focus on the support of equal employment opportunities and the expansion of access to state contracts for minority-owned businesses. Attendees will be able to connect with recruitment and procurement officials from state agencies, universities, and other government entities.

The event will last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free and open to the public. More information can be found on the Department of Administrative Services' website.

Kaptur, Ryan, Portman, Brown Introduce Bills To Protect Pensions; Stivers; Beatty; Latta...

Ohio delegates in both chambers of Congress put forward proposals to protect at-risk pensions in recent days.

U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo) and U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Niles) joined Sen. Bernie Sanders in introducing companion legislation they call the Keep Our Pension Promises Act.

The sponsors said the bill would protect the pensions of up to 10 million workers through a legacy fund within the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation. It would cover that funding by closing tax loopholes sponsors say benefit the wealthiest Americans.

"It would strengthen our country's pension plans and provide additional funding to the PBGC so that no man or woman needs to worry about whether or not they are going to receive their rightfully owed pension," Rep. Ryan said in a statement.

Added Rep. Kaptur: "Pensions are deferred income and retirees are owed these earned benefits. My bill with Sen. Sanders ensures that we do right by our people."

In the upper chamber, U.S. Sen Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland) introduced their bill to safeguard the pensions of retired miners. The legislation is aimed at shoring up the 1974 Pension Plan, which participants fear is barreling toward insolvency.

"We must protect the hard-earned pensions of our nation's coal miners," Sen. Portman said. "While we made some progress by securing a permanent healthcare fix, we must continue to fight for their pensions - income they worked hard to secure that is at risk due to no fault of their own."

Sen. Brown added that miners have earned the right to not be concerned about their financial futures.

"Ohio miners worked their lives underground to power our country and were promised that when they retired from this backbreaking work they could do so with dignity," Sen. Brown said. "They aren't asking for a handout - they are asking for what they earned for decades of hard work. We should honor that promise to our miners and their families so they can access the full pensions they've earned."

Health: U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-Columbus) reintroduced a bill to improve awareness and research on concussions and related injuries.

One in five high school athletes will sustain such injuries during the season, she said, and yet communities lack adequate understanding of their long-term effects.

"The Concussion Awareness and Education Act is all about protecting and treating our nation's student athletes and servicemembers living with concussive injuries," Rep. Beatty said. "We can and must do more in coordinating research, treatment, education and awareness about concussions by bringing all stakeholders, coaches, parents, researchers and policymakers to the table."

Energy: U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers (R-Columbus) joined Democratic Rep. Jackie Speier to reintroduced a bill the pair says will reduce energy costs and mitigate pollution for businesses by tweaking the tax code.

"I support an all-of-the-above energy strategy to encourage the production and development of both traditional and renewable sources of energy," Rep. Stivers said. "Our tax code plays an important role in allowing new and innovative sources of energy to come to market, and this bill will allow companies to compete on a level playing field."

Infrastructure: U.S. Rep. Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) and U.S. Rep. Dave Joyce (R-Novelty) authored a bill the sponsors said will restore flexibility to states and municipalities in meeting wastewater and stormwater needs.

"This legislation will provide additional tools and flexibility for communities to comply with mandated wastewater infrastructure improvement projects," Rep. Latta said. "With more than \$21 billion worth of water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needs in Ohio,

it's critical to provide communities with the ability to meet their obligations in a more cost-effective manner."

Development: Sen. Brown criticized the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recently announced plan to downgrade the department's Rural Development program.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the move, along with a host of others, at an event last week in Cincinnati. As part of that move, the agency will eliminate the undersecretary for rural development position, which currently requires Senate confirmation.

"I welcome the extra emphasis on trade and look forward to working with USDA to sell Ohio ag products around the world," Sen Brown said. "But I do not support eliminating the undersecretary for Rural Development. Ohio counts on USDA Rural Development for support for everything from combating opioids, to building hospitals, to securing loans for local businesses to grow and create jobs."

Drugs: Sen. Portman and a host of senators from both parties wrote to White House Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, urging the administration to fully fund the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The White House earlier has proposed slashing funding for the center, which senators argue has a proven success rate.

"Healthcare, lost productivity and criminal justice costs associated with addiction are estimated to cost \$193 billion annually, whereas every \$1 invested in prevention yields a savings of up to \$10," the senators wrote. "Therefore we must invest in effective prevention programs, and continue to support the Drug Free Communities program."

Governor's Appointments

Unemployment Compensation Review Commission: Edward D. Good of Shadyside was reappointed for a term beginning May 15 and ending February 26, 2023.

Ohio State University Board of Trustees: John W. Zeiger of Columbus for a term beginning May 15 and ending May 13, 2026.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Wednesday, May 17

Casino Control Commission, Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Rail Development Commission, 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus, 11 a.m.

Thursday, May 18

State Teachers Retirement System, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, May 19

Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, OSU South Centers, 1864 Shyville Rd., Piketon, 9:30 a.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Tuesday, May 16

Treasurer Josh Mandel, university leaders news conference on transparency, Inter-University Council of Ohio, 10 West Broad Street, Suite 450, Columbus, 10 a.m.

Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) news conference regarding 2018, King Arts Complex, Smoot Board Room, 67 Mt. Vernon Ave., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 23

Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville) fundraiser, The Keep, 50 W. Broad St., Columbus, 4:30 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens for Anne Gonzales)

Tuesday, June 20


Rep. Michael Sheehy (D-Oregon) fundraiser, Tony's, 16 W. Beck St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Friend: \$350 to Committee to Elect Michael Sheehy)

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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, May 16

Legislative Committees

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Schaffer, T., 466-8100), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

- HB 155** **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRAINING** (Sprague, R., Howse, S.) To authorize a tax credit for expenses incurred by an employer to train a commercial vehicle operator. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 186** **HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES** (Rogers, J., Scherer, G.) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a post-secondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 105** **WELL FUND** (Cera, J., Hill, B.) To limit the amount of revenue that may be credited to the Oil and Gas Well Fund and to allocate funds in excess of that amount to local governments, fire departments, and a grant program to encourage compressed natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 9 a.m.

- HB 27** **BWC BUDGET** (Brinkman, T.) To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs. (7th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

Senate Finance: Health & Medicaid Sub. (Committee Record) (Chr. Hackett, B., 466-3780), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- Invited budget testimony on opioids, Department of Aging and Department of Health

Senate Finance: General Government & Agency Review Sub. (Committee Record) (Chr. Jordan, K., 466-8086), Finance Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- Invited budget testimony from Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Transportation, Secretary of State, Ohio Expositions Commission, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Insurance, Liquor Control Commission, Department of Youth Services, Department of Taxation, Office of the Governor, Department of Veteran Services and public testimony

House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Dever, J., 466-8120), Rm. 114, 9:30 a.m.

- HB 199** **MORTGAGE LENDING** (Blessing, L.) To create the Ohio Residential Mortgage Lending Act for the purpose of regulating all non-depository lending secured by residential real estate and to limit the application of the current

Mortgage Loan Law to unsecured loans and loans secured by other than residential real estate. (1st Hearing-Proponent)

House State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 113, 10 a.m.

HB 51 **AGENCY REVIEWS (Faber, K.)** To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 134 **SCHOOL GRANTS (Hambley, S., Kick, D.)** To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 135 **DAY DESIGNATION (Patmon, B.)** To designate June 12th as "Superman Day." (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 146 **DEATH CERTIFICATES (Householder, L.)** To allow a coroner to change the cause, manner, and mode of death in a filed death certificate only after a hearing in the court of common pleas. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 168 **CEMETERY REGISTRATION (Stein, D.)** To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 37 **POLICE CHIEF TRAINING (Hite, C.)** To require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed village, city, and township chiefs of police. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), South Hearing Rm., 11 a.m.

- **Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Dennis Bartels and Srikanth Gaddam, State Board of Career Colleges & Schools**

SB 8 **SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY & SAFETY (Gardner, R., Terhar, L.)** To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3506), Rm. 119, 11:30 a.m.

House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. Young, R., 644-6074), Rm. 113, 1:30 p.m.

HB 164 **ROOFING CONTRACTORS (Patton, T.)** To require commercial roofing contractors to have a license. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 77** **CHILD CARE CENTERS (Retherford, W.)** To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 128** **BUILDING INSPECTIONS (Roegner, K.)** To permit a general contractor or owner of specified buildings to enter into a contract with a third-party private inspector or a certified building department for building inspection and to make other changes relating to building inspections. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- House Criminal Justice (Committee Record) (Chr. Manning, N., 644-5076), Rm. 114, 1:30 p.m.**
- SB 7** **PROTECTION ORDERS (Bacon, K., Manning, G.)** To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)
- SB 33** **LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA (Eklund, J.)** To allow disclosure of information from the law enforcement automated data system (LEADS) to a defendant in a traffic or criminal case. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 38** **AGGRAVATED MURDER (Greenspan, D.)** To provide that purposely causing the death of a first responder or military member is aggravated murder and to require an offender to serve the prison term imposed for felonious assault on a peace officer, investigator, first responder, or military member consecutively to the prison term imposed for any related offense. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 56** **HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Dever, J., Gavarone, T.)** To permit a person who is found not guilty or is the defendant in a dismissed case to apply for an expungement of the person's records in the case if the complaint, indictment, or finding of not guilty resulted from the applicant having been a victim of human trafficking, to permit a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of any record of conviction of an offense, with certain exceptions, if the person's participation in the offense was a result of having been a victim of human trafficking, and to authorize intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)
- HB 68** **VOYEURISM (Anielski, M.)** To include an impaired person as a potential victim of voyeurism, to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance, and to prohibit an owner, operator, administrator, or employee of a care facility from creating, sharing, reproducing, or publishing any image of a care facility resident without a proper purpose and without prior written consent from the resident. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)

HB 125 **COURT JURISDICTIONS** (Craig, H., Seitz, B.) To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Energy & Natural Resources (Committee Record) (Chr. Landis, A., 466-8035), Rm. 122, 2:30 p.m.

SB 2 **ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS** (Hite, C.) To revise specified laws relating to environmental protection. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Senate Finance: Higher Education Sub. (Committee Record) (Chr. Gardner, R., 466-8060), North Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m.

- **Invited budget testimony**

House Public Utilities (Committee Record) (Chr. Seitz, B., 466-8258), Rm. 116, 3 p.m.

HB 133 **DISASTER WORK** (Ryan, S.) To create the Disaster Relief Act to exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 178 **NUCLEAR ENERGY** (DeVitis, T.) Regarding the zero-emissions nuclear resource program. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 3 p.m.

- **1st Hearing-Sponsor & Possible vote on BWC Budget Bill (HB 27)-Pending referral**

House Education & Career Readiness (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 644-6711), Rm. 121, 4 p.m.

HB 170 **COMPUTER SCIENCE** (Carfagna, R., Duffey, M.) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 200 **SCHOOL CHOICE** (Koehler, K.) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 176 **SCHOOL TESTING** (Thompson, A.) With to regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Federalism & Interstate Relations (Committee Record) (Chr. Roegner, K., 466-1177), Rm. 115, 4 p.m.

HB 142 **CONCEALED WEAPONS** (Wiggam, S.) To eliminate the requirement that a concealed handgun licensee notify a law enforcement officer that the

licensee is carrying a concealed handgun when stopped. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 201

CONCEALED WEAPONS (Hood, R., Brinkman, T.) To allow a concealed handgun licensee to carry concealed all firearms other than dangerous ordnance or firearms prohibited by state or federal law; to repeal the requirement that a licensee stopped for a law enforcement purpose promptly inform an approaching officer if the licensee is carrying a firearm and provide for expungement of convictions based on a violation of the requirement; and to provide that a person age 21 or older and not prohibited by federal law from possessing or receiving a firearm does not need a concealed handgun license in order to carry a concealed firearm and is subject to the same laws regarding concealed firearm carrying as a licensee. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HCR 8

MINER PROTECTION (Cera, J.) To urge the Congress of the United States to enact the Miners Protection Act of 2017. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HR 85

E-CHECK (Young, R.) To respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to amend the Federal Clean Air Act to eliminate the requirement to implement the E-Check Program and direct the Administrator of USEPA to begin new rule-making procedures under the Administrative Procedures Act to repeal and replace the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; to respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to pass legislation to achieve improvements in air quality more efficiently while allowing companies to innovate and help the economy grow; to urge the Administrator of USEPA to alleviate burdensome requirements of the E-Check Program and the Clean Air Act if Congress and the President fail to act; and to encourage OEPA to explore alternatives to E-Check in Ohio. (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Agency Calendar

Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Assessments, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 4:30 p.m.

Event Planner

Treasurer Josh Mandel, university leaders news conference on transparency, Inter-University Council of Ohio, 10 West Broad Street, Suite 450, Columbus, 10 a.m.

Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) news conference regarding 2018, King Arts Complex, Smoot Board Room, 67 Mt. Vernon Ave., Columbus, 10 a.m.

US Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment performance, West Lawn, Statehouse, Columbus, 12 p.m.

Ohio Association of Health Plans Annual Legislative Reception, Statehouse Atrium, Columbus, 5 p.m., (RSVP to Stacy Bewley at sbewley@oahp.org or for any questions call 614-228-4662)

Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) and Rep. Dick Stein (R-Norwalk) fundraiser, Little Palace, 240 S. 4th Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Gary Scherer and/or Stein for State Representative)

Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville) & Rep. Bill Reineke (R-Tiffin) fundraiser, Pins Mechanical Company, 141 North 4th Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$1,000 Host | \$500 Sponsor | \$350 Attendee to Team Burke and Friends of Bill Reineke)
Rep. Margaret Conditt (R-Liberty Township) fundraiser, Condado Downtown, 132 S. High Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Margy Conditt)

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HOUSE CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY - MAY 17, 2017 - 1:30
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Bills for Third Consideration

Sub. H. B. No. 27 – Representative Brinkman

Cosponsors: Representative Brenner

To amend sections 742.38, 2743.02, 2744.02, 4113.21, 4121.125, 4121.44, 4123.01, 4123.29, 4123.343, 4123.511, 4123.512, 4123.53, 4123.54, 4123.56, 4123.57, 4123.66, 4123.68, 4123.71, 4123.84, 4125.07, 4167.01, 4167.02, and 4167.10, to enact sections 1.481, 2307.82, and 4123.513, and to repeal sections 4123.72 and 4167.19 of the Revised Code to make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to prohibit a public employer from requiring an employee to pay for a medical examination as a condition of continued employment, to prohibit state agencies from taking actions that have retrospective effects, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs.

(Pending Committee Report.)

Sub. H. B. No. 124 – Representatives Brenner, Carfagna

Cosponsor: Representative Hambley

To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory and to declare an emergency.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 2, 2017, p. 378.)

H. B. No. 38 – Representative Greenspan

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Barnes, Goodman, Keller, Kick, Lipps, Patton, Perales, Riedel, Retherford, Sprague, Thompson, Wiggam, Young

To amend sections 2903.01, 2903.11, and 2929.14 of the Revised Code to provide that purposely causing the death of a first responder or military member is aggravated murder and to require an offender to serve the prison term imposed for felonious assault on a peace officer, investigator, first responder, or military member consecutively to the prison term imposed for any related offense.

(Pending Committee Report.)

Sub. H. B. No. 115 – Representatives Gavarone, Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives Ryan, Greenspan, Kick, Goodman, Hambley, Thompson, Arndt, Lipps, Patton, Stein, Riedel, Ginter, Conditt, Boyd, Barnes, Kent, LaTourette, Sheehy

To enact sections 3304.23 and 5502.08 of the Revised Code to require the Department of Public Safety to establish a database of persons who are diagnosed with a communication disability and to require the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency to establish a verification form for persons to voluntarily register for inclusion in the database.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

Sub. S. B. No. 24 – Senator Terhar

Cosponsors: Senators Beagle, Hackett, Bacon, Coley, Eklund, Gardner, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Peterson, Thomas, Wilson Representative Dever

To amend sections 1321.02, 1321.53, and 1321.99 and to enact sections 1321.62, 1321.63, 1321.631, 1321.632, 1321.64, 1321.641, 1321.642, 1321.643, 1321.644, 1321.65, 1321.651, 1321.66, 1321.661, 1321.662, 1321.663, 1321.664, 1321.665, 1321.666, 1321.667, 1321.67, 1321.671, 1321.672, 1321.673, 1321.674, 1321.68, 1321.681, 1321.69, 1321.70, 1321.701, and 1321.702 of the Revised Code to create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act.

(House committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 356.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 202.)

(Senate committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 182.)

(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)

Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Am. H. B. No. 8 – Representatives Hambley, Rezabek

Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, Thompson, Koehler, Riedel, Dean, Blessing, Goodman

To amend section 149.43 and to enact section 149.436 of the Revised Code to exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident and to allow the parent or guardian of the minor to request a record of the accident containing the exempted information.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 362.)

Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

Sub. H. B. No. 41 – Representative Pelanda

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Hambley, Seitz, Sprague, Blessing

To amend sections 3503.24, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3505.20, 3505.21, 3509.06, and 3511.11 and to enact section 3509.051 of the Revised Code to modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and the procedures for processing absent voter's ballots and for casting absent voter's ballots in person.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 357.)

Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Seitz

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Am. H. B. No. 46 – Representative Sprague

Cosponsors: Representatives Arndt, Blessing, Dean, Henne, Schaffer, Seitz, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 135.35 of the Revised Code to modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 357.)

Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

Am. H. B. No. 69 – Representative Cupp

Cosponsors: Representatives Blessing, Dever, Hambley, Hill, Faber, Seitz, Arndt, Carfagna

To amend section 5709.40 of the Revised Code to require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 450.)

H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

Am. H. B. No. 116 – Representative Merrin

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Boccieri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

H. B. No. 122 – Representatives Hambley, Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Smith, K., Sheehy

To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 451.)

Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick

Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

S. B. No. 9 – Senator Bacon

Cosponsors: Senators Hottinger, Manning, Obhof, Eklund, Hoagland, Balderson, Uecker, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Hite, Lehner, LaRose, Williams, Schiavoni, O'Brien, Hackett, Wilson, Peterson, Brown, Burke, Dolan, Oelslager, Sykes, Thomas Representatives Schaffer, Scherer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Patmon, Retherford, Ryan

To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.

(House committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, March 29, 2017, p. 310.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 22, 2017, p. 173.)

(Senate committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 22, 2017, p. 171.)

(Senate committee on Rules and Reference recommends re-referral, see Senate Journal February 8, 2017, p. 120.)

S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas

**Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

Sub. S. B. No. 25 – Senator Hottinger

Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Bacon, Balderson, Dolan, Eklund, Gardner, Hoagland, Skindell, Thomas, Yuko Representatives Manning, Rezabek, Conditt, Rogers

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 729.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 483 of the 130th General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to create the Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on January 1, 2018, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Perry County County Court on that date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Perry County Municipal Court, to provide for the election for the Perry County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2017, to modify the provisions regarding the membership of the Criminal Justice Recodification Committee, and to declare an emergency.

(House committee on Criminal Justice recommends passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 260.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 15, 2017, p. 148.)

(Senate committee on Judiciary recommends substitute bill for passage, see Senate Journal, February 14, 2017, p. 131.)

S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze

Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)

Have a great evening!

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HOUSE CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY - MAY 17, 2017 - 1:30 PM

Bills for Third Consideration

Sub. H. B. No. 27 – Representative Brinkman

Cosponsors: Representative Brenner

To amend sections 742.38, 2743.02, 2744.02, 4113.21, 4121.125, 4121.44, 4123.01, 4123.29, 4123.343, 4123.511, 4123.512, 4123.53, 4123.54, 4123.56, 4123.57, 4123.66, 4123.68, 4123.71, 4123.84, 4125.07, 4167.01, 4167.02, and 4167.10, to enact sections 1.481, 2307.82, and 4123.513, and to repeal sections 4123.72 and 4167.19 of the Revised Code to make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to prohibit a public employer from requiring an employee to pay for a medical examination as a condition of continued employment, to prohibit state agencies from taking actions that have retrospective effects, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs.

(Pending Committee Report.)

Sub. H. B. No. 124 – Representatives Brenner, Carfagna

Cosponsor: Representative Hambley

To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory and to declare an emergency.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 2, 2017, p. 378.)

H. B. No. 38 – Representative Greenspan

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Barnes, Goodman, Keller, Kick, Lipps, Patton, Perales, Riedel, Retherford, Sprague, Thompson, Wiggam, Young

To amend sections 2903.01, 2903.11, and 2929.14 of the Revised Code to provide that purposely causing the death of a first responder or military member is aggravated murder and to require an offender to serve the prison term imposed for felonious assault on a peace officer, investigator, first responder, or military member consecutively to the prison term imposed for any related offense.

(Pending Committee Report.)

Sub. H. B. No. 115 – Representatives Gavarone, Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives Ryan, Greenspan, Kick, Goodman, Hambley, Thompson, Arndt, Lipps, Patton, Stein, Riedel, Ginter, Conditt, Boyd, Barnes, Kent, LaTourette, Sheehy

To enact sections 3304.23 and 5502.08 of the Revised Code to require the Department of Public Safety to establish a database of persons who are diagnosed with a communication disability and

to require the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency to establish a verification form for persons to voluntarily register for inclusion in the database.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

Sub. S. B. No. 24 – Senator Terhar

Cosponsors: Senators Beagle, Hackett, Bacon, Coley, Eklund, Gardner, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Peterson, Thomas, Wilson
Representative Dever

To amend sections 1321.02, 1321.53, and 1321.99 and to enact sections 1321.62, 1321.63, 1321.631, 1321.632, 1321.64, 1321.641, 1321.642, 1321.643, 1321.644, 1321.65, 1321.651, 1321.66, 1321.661, 1321.662, 1321.663, 1321.664, 1321.665, 1321.666, 1321.667, 1321.67, 1321.671, 1321.672, 1321.673, 1321.674, 1321.68, 1321.681, 1321.69, 1321.70, 1321.701, and 1321.702 of the Revised Code to create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act.

(House committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 356.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 202.)

(Senate committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 182.)

(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)

Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Am. H. B. No. 8 – Representatives Hambley, Rezabek

Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, Thompson, Koehler, Riedel, Dean, Blessing, Goodman

To amend section 149.43 and to enact section 149.436 of the Revised Code to exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident and to allow the parent or guardian of the minor to request a record of the accident containing the exempted information.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 362.)

Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

Sub. H. B. No. 41 – Representative Pelanda

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Hambley, Seitz, Sprague, Blessing

To amend sections 3503.24, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3505.20, 3505.21, 3509.06, and 3511.11 and to enact section 3509.051 of the Revised Code to modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and the procedures for processing absent voter's ballots and for casting absent voter's ballots in person.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 357.)

Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Seitz

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Am. H. B. No. 46 – Representative Sprague

Cosponsors: Representatives Arndt, Blessing, Dean, Henne, Schaffer, Seitz, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 135.35 of the Revised Code to modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 357.)

Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

Am. H. B. No. 69 – Representative Cupp

Cosponsors: Representatives Blessing, Dever, Hambley, Hill, Faber, Seitz, Arndt, Carfagna
To amend section 5709.40 of the Revised Code to require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 450.)

H. B. No. 76 -- Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

H. B. No. 88 -- Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

Am. H. B. No. 104 -- Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

Am. H. B. No. 116 -- Representative Merrin

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Boccieri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

H. B. No. 122 -- Representatives Hambley, Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Smith, K., Sheehy

To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 451.)

Am. H. B. No. 134 -- Representatives Hambley, Kiek

Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside

the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

S. B. No. 9 – Senator Bacon

Cosponsors: Senators Hottinger, Manning, Obhof, Eklund, Hoagland, Balderson, Uecker, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Hite, Lehner, LaRose, Williams, Schiavoni, O'Brien, Hackett, Wilson, Peterson, Brown, Burke, Dolan, Oelslager, Sykes, Thomas Representatives Schaffer, Scherer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Patmon, Retherford, Ryan

To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.

(House committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, March 29, 2017, p. 310.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 22, 2017, p. 173.)

(Senate committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 22, 2017, p. 171.)

(Senate committee on Rules and Reference recommends re-referral, see Senate Journal February 8, 2017, p. 120.)

S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas

Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

Sub. S. B. No. 25 – Senator Hottinger

Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Bacon, Balderson, Dolan, Eklund, Gardner, Hoagland, Skindell, Thomas, Yuko Representatives Manning, Rezabek, Conditt, Rogers

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 729.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 483 of the 130th General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to create the Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on January 1, 2018, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the

nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Perry County County Court on that date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Perry County Municipal Court, to provide for the election for the Perry County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2017, to modify the provisions regarding the membership of the Criminal Justice Recodification Committee, and to declare an emergency.

(House committee on Criminal Justice recommends passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 260.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 15, 2017, p. 148.)

(Senate committee on Judiciary recommends substitute bill for passage, see Senate Journal, February 14, 2017, p. 131.)

S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle

Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna
To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze

Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West
To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)

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BWC Budget Prepped For House Floor Vote Over Democrats' Objections

Late changes to the two-year budget for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation continued to prompt Democrats' concerns Tuesday as the bill nevertheless cleared two committees and is on its way to a House floor vote.

One of the more contentious changes made in the substitute version of the \$566.5 million measure (HB 27) unveiled last week was removed in the House Insurance Committee. Democrats, however, objected to several other provisions and subsequently voted against the report.

Key remaining sticking points for the minority party are provisions that: reduce the time allowed for filing claims from two to one year; bar illegal aliens from workers' compensation coverage; and prohibit state agencies from making rule changes that entail a "substantive or procedural retrospective effect." (Latest Comparison Document)

Democrats offered amendments to remove all of that language, with Republicans defeating the proposal on illegal aliens and tabling the others.

Prior to the Insurance Committee's debate on the revised bill, Rep. Michael Henne (R-Clayton) won support for an amendment to remove a provision that had prompted considerable criticism last week.

(See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 10, 2017)

The substitute language would have created a "rebuttable presumption" for firefighters filing cancer claims, requiring them to prove that they had used their protective equipment properly. Rep. Henne's amendment replaced that provision with language that instead places the burden on the employers of firefighters to prove, based on scientific evidence, that the cancer in question could not have resulted from a firefighter's exposure to a carcinogen while on the job.

Representatives of the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters and the Ohio Municipal League testified in support of the change.

Karen Turano, a workers' comp attorney speaking for the OAPF, had prepared testimony in opposition to the sub bill language but ended up relaying support for the new provision, saying that such determinations should be based on scientific fact rather than a doctor's opinion.

Her comments prompted Rep. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) to remark that the entire BWC system is based on medical opinions. The lawmaker also pointed out that attorneys for injured workers could also ask for second opinions.

Ms. Turano acknowledged that option, but noted that workers have to incur the costs of those other examinations. As for Mr. Huffman's earlier observation, she said, "I understand that is the status of our workers' compensation system now. I don't think it's a great status."

Josh Brown, director of communications for the Ohio Municipal League, said his group was supportive of the updated firefighter cancer language.

Responding to a question from Rep. Mike Ashford (D-Toledo), he said OML was a proponent of the bill in general but that the group would probably return to the legislature with more requests for workers' comp law changes at some point.

Rep. John Boccieri (D-Alliance) offered an amendment to delete the reduction in the claims filing period, arguing that it was prudent to allow more time because some injuries take a while to manifest themselves and workers may not realize the extent of their woes. He characterized the GOP's shortening of the filing period as "taking away the rights of injured workers."

Rep. Henne said the purpose of the amendment was to get claims filed more quickly so they do not worsen and end up costing the system more money down the line. The quicker claims get filed the less the likelihood that the severity of the claim will increase, he said.

Rep. Boccieri was also critical of the sub bill language on or undocumented workers, calling it a "legislative smokescreen" that would result in unscrupulous employers getting a "blank check" and off the hook for workers' comp costs. It would also shift those expenses to taxpayers when those injured workers have to go to the hospital and receive uncompensated care, he said.

Rep. Henne said the language was meant to remove a "defense" for people who hire illegals. He said the injured employees could still go to court and sue their employers.

That logic was questioned by Rep. Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus) who said it wouldn't be practical for an illegal alien to go to court and face other legal problems.

Chairman Rep. Tom Brinkman (R-Cincinnati), before calling for an up or down vote on the amendment versus a tabling, stated: "The point is, don't be illegal...and therefore you won't have these problems."

The amendment was defeated on party lines.

Rep. Boggs offered amendments to remove the rule language from the bill and allow for first responders to get coverage for post-traumatic stress disorder. Both were tabled along party lines.

Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford) defended the rule change restrictions, saying the legislature had ceded too much authority to the legislative branch over the years. He called the provision appropriate, adding, "And frankly, it's about time."

Chairman Brinkman said the PTSD issue would be vetted in committee next week in separate legislation (HB 161).

Rep. Ashford lamented the fact that the vote on the bill had turned partisan, saying it started out as sound legislation.

"The original bill was pretty good until we started adding all these statutes of limitations," he said. "This bill has some really controversial issues in it...that came out of the blue somewhere."

Rep. Brinkman pushed back on that notion, saying he had worked closely with a variety of interested parties in crafting the sub bill.

"We worked a lot of good things this budget...that should stand as we move this thing along," he said.

Finance Committee: The budget-writing panel took up the bill later in the day Tuesday per a rule that requires it to review measures with appropriations.

Rep. Brinkman went over the changes made in his committee (Testimony) and Barbara Ingram, the BWC's chief financial officer, reiterated statements that Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison had previously delivered to the Insurance Committee. (Testimony)

Rep. Dan Ramos (D-Lorain) and other Democrats continued to question the Insurance Committee changes and eventually joined together in opposing the bill, which cleared the committee on party lines.

"What is the purpose of making this bill about immigration?" Rep. Ramos asked.

Rep. Brinkman said the language on illegal aliens stemmed from past legislation sponsored by Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati). He noted that illegal immigrants aren't eligible for food stamps or unemployment benefits either, so the majority believed it was prudent to include the workers' comp prohibition.

The chairman continued to maintain that the bill would serve as a "disincentive" to both employers and illegal aliens, saying the latter would have recourse through the courts if they are injured on the job.

"We're not just closing them out and sending them along their way," Rep. Brinkman said. "We're trying to create a disincentive for both workers who are here illegally and employers" who hire them.

Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) raised concerns about what she deemed the lack of vetting before putting the provision in a budget measure. "This isn't something there were hearings on," she said, adding that the proposal appeared to be "totally based on assumption" rather than facts.

Citing Mr. Seitz and Governing Magazine, Rep. Brinkman said there are 8 million illegal aliens currently employed in U.S., mainly in construction and farming, so it's likely that a few hundred thousand of those are in Ohio.

Responding to a question from Rep. Alicia Reece (D-Cincinnati), Mr. Brinkman said the language on firefighter cancer does not apply to police claims.

Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire) questioned why the firefighter cancer law (SB29, 131st General Assembly) was being amended when it just became effective in April. He said the state doesn't have any experience with the changes on which to base revisions.

Rep. Brinkman said the original bill "cried out for something to be put in place right away" and cities also "felt like something needed to be put in there" to limit cancer claims to those incurred at work.

"We've kind of raised the bar" in making sure such claims are valid, he said.

Responding to Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson), who opined that some injured workers may not make the new one-year deadline under certain circumstances, Rep. Brinkman said 99.8% of claims are filed within that timeframe. The chairman said the change, which was backed by NFIB/Ohio, would give businesses more predictability and encourage the claimants to file more quickly.

Ms. Ingram was asked to comment on the House changes, but said the bureau has not had time to review the proposals. The bureau reported that an actuarial review of SB29 found that it could cost the system about \$74 million a year, which could be realized through rate adjustments to public employers.

Among the unanswered questions was one from Rep. Patterson, who asked about the financial impacts of changing the statute of repose for the firefighter cancer law from 20 to 15 years.

Prior to voting the bill, the panel also heard from Seamus Culligan, a firefighter from Willoughby who has been diagnosed and treated for brain cancer, and his wife, Cyndie. They asked that the firefighter cancer claims law not be changed.

"His illness is an injury," Ms. Culligan said.

Rep. Tom Patton (R-Strongsville), who sponsored SB29 when he served in the Senate last session, told the witnesses that the changes in the bill would not impact Mr. Culligan's coverage.

The lawmaker did, however, question why the law was already being amended given it's only a month old.

Rep. Cera said before the vote that the BWC and IC budgets should be reviewed in the Finance Committee, noting that members were not allowed to offer amendments and had to vote on the spending and policy provisions after just a single hearing.

Finance Chairman Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) said the process of including other committees aimed to spread the workload during the busy budget season.

Testa Proposes Opt-In Program For Centralized Business Tax Collection As Admin Officials Push Back On House Budget Changes

Tax Commissioner Joe Testa is looking to compromise on a controversial executive budget proposal to centralize the collection of municipal net profit fee taxes that was nixed in the House.

The administration presented the budget (HB 49) plan to mandate business tax collections through the Ohio Business Gateway as a way to save municipalities money on administrative costs despite a 1% service charge paid to the state.

However, municipalities opposed the proposal, characterizing it as a power and money grab by the state. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 7, 2017)

The House subsequently scrapped the proposal in favor of a more modest plan entailing improvements to the OBG and phased-in permissive filing authority for businesses. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 21, 2017)

In response, Commissioner Testa on Tuesday asked the Senate to consider a further revised plan that would allow businesses to opt-in for tax administration that's performed by the Department of Taxation.

"We heard a number of municipalities testify in the House that some businesses prefer to continue to have their local municipality administer their net profits tax," he said. "We listened to these and other comments and are addressing these requested changes."

Those businesses that opt in would file one return through OBG rather than with each municipality in which they do business, Mr. Testa said. Businesses commit to five years in the program with an automatic renewal unless they cancel the service.

ODT will distribute the tax collections with interest - minus a 1% administrative fee - to appropriate municipalities each month, he said.

"The revised proposal significantly reduces compliance costs for businesses that opt-in, takes advantage of economies of scale leading to a more efficient and streamlined tax system, is less costly than third-party administrators and improves compliance by cross-checking with other data that can be accessed by ODT, thereby increasing revenue for the municipalities," Mr. Testa said. "Everyone wins with this proposal."

ODT is also seeking spending authorization of \$2.25 million in Fiscal Year 2018 and \$5 million for Fiscal Year 2019, he said. Those totals are the anticipated administrative fees that would be collected for the tax centralization.

The commissioner told the panel that his agency's amendment has been in the works since last month and he has not heard any negative feedback on it as of yet.

Mr. Testa was one of a handful of agency directors to testify on House budget changes before the Senate Finance Subcommittee on General Government and Agency Review on Tuesday.

Department of Veterans Services Director Chip Tansill said he'd like to work with the Senate to revise House language requiring the agency to create a job website and peer-to-peer program for Ohio's veterans - both of which already exist in some capacity.

"There are several exemplary veteran peer-to-peer operations already in existence around Ohio," he said, adding: "We believe that private programs like Bunker Labs, Overwatch Partnership, and others in Ohio already are doing a wonderful job and that the directive would be unable to be carried out without specific funding."

"We look forward to continuing to work with the Senate on this provision and believe DVS could better serve to inventory these programs and make them known to more Ohio veterans," he said.

Meanwhile, OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com already serves as an "easy entry point to build civilian resumes, match their skills to Ohio's in-demand jobs and find military-friendly employers," Mr. Tansill said.

Department of Youth Services Director Harvey Reed asked lawmakers to return dollars back to line items that received across-the-board cuts, particularly those that pay for community programs.

"Cuts to those line items will directly impact our DYS population in that courts will send more youth to DYS facilities due to fewer available diversion dollars," he said. "In short, courts will be faced with less funding for options that are alternatives to DYS facilities."

He said that any short-term savings from cuts to diversion programs would ultimately result in long-term costs tied to creating more space at DYS facilities.

The subcommittee also heard objections to House changes from Environmental Protection Agency Director Craig Butler, who spoke out against language regarding

Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Settlement Funding, and Department of Natural Resources Director James Zehringer, who criticized amendments regarding mineral interest owners.

Attorney General Mike DeWine, meanwhile, offered support for a House-added provision that would infuse an additional \$3.5 million into crime labs to fund opiate case work.

"They've just been swamped with drugs coming in and it's not just the volume of drugs coming in but it's the complexity," he told the panel. "What we're seeing now usually is a mix particularly in the opiate area. It just takes a lot longer so the crime labs, including our chemistry section, are just overridden with all this coming in."

Subscribers Note: Full testimony is available on the subcommittee's website under May 16.

ZEN Hearings Continue As FirstEnergy CEO Mobilizes Shareholder Support

Proponents and opponents on Tuesday continued to clash over a proposal to support Ohio's nuclear plants as FirstEnergy CEO Chuck Jones urged shareholders to redouble pressure on lawmakers to pass the bill.

Shortly before the House Public Utilities Committee met to consider the controversial bill (HB 178) for a third hearing, Mr. Jones addressed company shareholders and the media during a shareholder meeting in Akron.

There, he reemphasized that the bankruptcy of the company's subsidiary, FirstEnergy Solutions, remains on the table without the proposed ZEN support. He also said that even with the zero-emission nuclear credit program, the subsidiary's fiscal health is not assured.

"The need for this action is demonstrated by the fact that nuclear facilities across the nation are closing prematurely," Mr. Jones told shareholders. "For example, four nuclear facilities in Wisconsin, Vermont and Nebraska have already shut down, and at least seven others across this region are in danger of closing. We simply cannot allow this to happen in Ohio and Pennsylvania - so if you share our concerns and live in either state, I encourage you to reach out to your local senator or representative."

Mr. Jones, who previously testified in support of the House bill, is expected to testify before the Senate Public Utilities Committee this week during the second hearing of its companion bill (SB 128). (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 25, 2017)

At the Statehouse Tuesday, scores of stakeholders packed into a hearing room and a nearby overflow area to follow the latest round of debate on the House bill.

Proponents continued arguing the bill would support jobs and economic growth by staving off the potential closures of FirstEnergy's Davis-Besse and Perry plants and the economic calamity that would accompany them.

"There's just no doubt that the region and entire state benefits from having FirstEnergy as a strong corporate partner," Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro said. "With ZEN in place, FirstEnergy will be able to spend time fostering relationships with customers and the community instead of directing its focus on navigating the uncertainty of the future."

Opponents continued to question what they consider to be a bailout of uncompetitive nuclear plants at the expense of cheaper natural gas.

Ohio State University Professor Ned Hill, clarifying that he is not speaking on behalf of OSU, called the financial engineering behind the proposal "fanciful" and said that if a projected gap in nuclear power production is filled with out-of-state power "the subsidy can grow to nearly \$11.2 billion" over the program's 16-year lifespan.

"It is the latest in a multi-year series of attempts by Ohio's (investor-owned utilities) to thwart the intent of the state of Ohio to allow competition in the market for electricity generation and provide lower prices for Ohio's electricity users," Mr. Hill said.

"FirstEnergy has been consistent," he added. "It is looking for subsidies for its non-competitive power generation units, and it looks to Ohio's Statehouse and its Ohio customers as the source of subsidy for its loss-making Ohio and Pennsylvania power plants."

Responding to Rep. Mike Ashford (D-Toledo), Mr. Hill expressed skepticism of proponents' job impact studies because they assume no other new jobs will enter the community and also that all FirstEnergy jobs will disappear instead of some being retained under new ownership. "Don't believe the numbers," he cautioned.

But doing nothing in the face of potential plant closures, proponents argue, would cripple local economies. Ottawa County Improvement Corporation Director Jamie Beier Grant sought to put those numbers into perspective.

"Davis-Besse's 600 full-time jobs stimulate another 2,100 jobs in Ottawa County and 1,800 additional jobs in other Ohio industries," Ms. Grant said. "That \$60 million of total annual payroll also flows downstream into every aspect of northern Ohio's economy - residential property ownership, support of local public school districts, professional services, construction and trades, retail, etc."

Ms. Grant said a 2015 Nuclear Energy Institute report determined that for every dollar of output generated by Davis-Besse the local economy sees \$1.66 in output and the state economy produces \$2.25 in output.

NEI President Maria Korsnick seconded that sentiment, opining that the closure of both plants would result in higher energy costs and long term economic damage. "Getting this right is very important," she said.

"If these plants close, the downstream consequences of premature plant closures are dire and irrevocable," Ms. Korsnick said.

Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid) questioned the witness on whether the bill would assist outdated nuclear plants at the expense of newer natural gas plants.

"I would look at that and say don't judge by age, judge by behavior," she replied. "These are extremely well maintained assets, very well invested in. Don't judge them by age, judge them by performance."

FirstEnergy and proponents have argued the proposal is similar to programs in New York and Illinois that are currently being challenged in court. But economist James Wilson, speaking for the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the legislation is "not at all similar" to those programs.

"It is not being proposed to support state goals to expand emissions reductions and renewable generation," Mr. Wilson said. "Ohio's renewable portfolio standards and goals are modest compared to those in New York and Illinois and Ohio House Bill 114 would make even those standards voluntary.... Therefore, unlike in New York and Illinois, a nuclear subsidy program in Ohio would not be supporting a long-term state energy and environmental vision and associated goals."

And Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken, another opponent, called the bill "yet another attempt by FirstEnergy to try to manipulate electric price structures in their favor."

"This competitive market is in fact working and thankfully generating billions in direct investment to our community while creating thousands of jobs and millions in tax revenues," Mr. Gerken said, prodding FirstEnergy for its prior support of deregulation. "I respectfully ask that you reject the special fees and market manipulation as described in HB178."

In addition to a number of other opponents, the Buckeye Institute and Environmental Progress testified on the bill as interested parties.

Subscribers Note: For full testimony see the committee's website under May 16.

Groups Indicate Openness To Medicaid Long-Term Care Plan, Urge Support For Waiver Programs

Representatives of some nursing facilities signaled a willingness Tuesday to work with the Kasich administration on moving long-term services and supports into Medicaid managed care.

Other groups representing providers helping aging Ohioans also pushed for funding in the biennial budget bill (HB 49) for waiver programs aimed at assisted living and home-based care.

Kathryn Brod, president and CEO of LeadingAge Ohio, told the Senate Finance Health and Medicaid Subcommittee that her members, which include nonprofit nursing facilities, would be open to the managed long-term care proposal offered by the administration if it included sufficient protections.

LeadingAge previously backed the plan, included in the budget by the House, to form a study committee and delay the rollout. She said conversations since then with the Department of Medicaid and other stakeholders have led them to believe a well-designed MLTSS program could be a vehicle for improving quality.

If the state and managed care plans have learned from the MyCare Ohio demonstration project and can avoid the significant payment problems and delays that plagued that program, the system could work, she said.

"We acknowledge that the way our current system of long-term services and supports is structured will not meet the demands of our aging population," she said.

Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London), the subcommittee's chairman, asked if managed care would make sense because it can better coordinate services for home-based services and those done in facilities.

"We would agree that managed care offers opportunities, and we are interested in piloting models that would allow us to use some of our communities to pilot some population health issues," Ms. Brod said.

The Academy of Senior Health Sciences also indicated a willingness to work with the MLTSS program if lessons are learned from MyCare.

"MyCare Ohio has indicated that there are opportunities to increase value and improve outcomes. It has also exposed problems in managed care for LTSS," CEO Chris Murray said in a statement. "Learning from these experiences, and the experiences of our members, The Academy believes MLTSS can be a successful program for the MCOs, the providers, and the frail elderly and disabled we serve. The Academy is in full support of expanding MLTSS. We are looking forward to an improved provider experience and more innovation that drives higher quality at lower cost in the entire MLTSS environment."

Other nursing facility representatives, including the Ohio Health Care Association, have said the system is not ready for MLTSS, and that payment disruptions like those experienced in the MyCare program could jeopardize care. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 10, 2017)

Waiver Requests: Testifying before the subcommittee, Jean Thompson, director of the Ohio Assisted Living Association, praised some of the House changes, including removal of new fines proposed by the Department of Health and maintenance of the residential care facility licensure in the assisted living Medicaid waiver.

She said her association opposed language added by the House to prohibit an increase in the assisted living waiver during the biennium.

"Unfortunately, Assisted Living providers cannot afford to participate or to increase their participation in this valuable cost saving program, as the program has not received an increase in reimbursement since its inception in 2006," she said.

Asked by Sen. Hackett how new facilities are being built with rates so low, Ms. Thompson said many assisted living facilities get much of their income from private payers, but the lower rates mean they are taking on fewer and fewer people.

Terry Alton, senior vice president of National Church Residences, said lower reimbursement rates make it harder for her facilities to pay for effective caregivers.

She said organizations are struggling to meet their needs under the current PASSPORT waiver rates and assisted living waiver rates.

There also aren't enough caregivers to provide the services that are needed, she said.

"The people caring for our most vulnerable older Ohioans should not themselves have to live in poverty by virtue of their service to this noble mission," she said.

Ms. Alton said her experience with managed care plans has been mixed. Some provide great care coordination, while others have struggled to pay claims in a timely manner, putting a burden on providers.

Cyndi Rossi, legislative liaison for the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, urged the Senate to restore funding for the senior community services block grant, which was reduced from nearly \$16 million in Fiscal Year 2001 to \$7.3 million in FY 2016. The budget reduces the line item by 1.5% each fiscal year.

She asked for the funding to be restored to \$15 million per fiscal year.

AAAs use the money to pay for home delivered meals, among other programs that help older adults stay in their homes.

Gun Advocates Push For Bills To End Notification Requirement, Concealed Licensing

Nearly a dozen backers of a bill that would eliminate the requirement that concealed handgun licensees notify law enforcement of their status urged passage of the legislation Tuesday.

Many brought up situations they say could have avoided had the legislation (HB 142) been in effect at the time. Meanwhile, members of the House Federalism & Interstate Relations Committee also heard sponsor testimony on legislation (HB 201) that would eliminate the licensing requirement altogether.

Jeff Garvas, founder and president of Ohioans for Concealed Carry, said just 10 states have requirements to inform.

"Ohio is by far the most intrusive by requiring you to speak when a police officer is in the mindset of absolute control over the conversation and their verbal commands," he said.

Mr. Garvas also said the requirement infringes on one's right to remain silent.

"Isn't it ironic that if you fail to 'promptly' inform a police officer that you are armed and he or she arrests you for the criminal act of not informing 'quickly enough' that they then promptly inform you that you now suddenly have the right to remain silent while you are being handcuffed for the act of remaining silent too long?" he asked.

"This requirement of Ohio law has to be a constitutional conflict with our First, Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights."

Sean Maloney of the Buckeye Firearms Association took issue with a provision in the law that requires a concealed carrier of a handgun to "promptly" inform a law enforcement official.

"The issue becomes the meaning and interpretation of the word promptly," he said. "The problem, the vagueness, the broadness of the interpretation lies in the definition of the word promptly itself."

Rep. David Leland (D-Columbus) asked if he would be open to working on an agreeable definition of the word.

Mr. Maloney said the required should just be removed from law.

Chuck LaRosa, a member of Ohioans for Concealed Carry, called the notification requirement a "poison pill" inserted into the original concealed-carry bill.

"The requirement to notify starts every encounter with law enforcement off on the wrong foot. The citizen is expected to recite this sentence to the officer in order to not go to jail," he said.

"The officer is expected to arrest this person unless they go through the ritual of interrupting the officer and reciting their little sentence, no matter what the situation is or how stressed out the citizen might be. Each and every encounter starts with the premise that the citizen is going to jail unless they do something to prevent it."

Rep. Wes Goodman (R-Cardington) questioned if there are similar reporting requirements in state law for other rights. Mr. LaRosa said he is unaware of any.

Christopher Dorr, executive director of Ohio Gun Owners, said the law as written infringes on the constitutional rights of gun owners.

"Citizens exercising their First Amendment right to free speech are not required to notify law enforcement before doing so. Citizens are not required to notify law enforcement before they exercise their right to peaceably assemble," he said.

"And citizens are not required to placard their homes or persons in order to exercise their right to be secure in their persons or homes against unreasonable searches and seizures, either."

Seven other members of Ohioans for Concealed Carry also provided written testimony in support of the bill, including Richard Troha, a licensee since 2004, who said the law has created confusion among law enforcement officials.

"Not all police officers understand the current law. There have been incidents where licensees have been threatened with arrest even though they were not armed and thus are not required to inform," he said.

Sponsoring Rep. Ron Hood (R-Ashville) called his legislation to eliminate licensing requirements a simple concept.

"If you're legally allowed to possess a firearm, you're legally allowed to carry that firearm for any lawful purpose with no additional permits, fees, or bureaucratic paperwork required," he said.

Under his proposal, the permitting process would be optional. The legislation would also eliminate the requirement to inform.

"Currently, it is legal to carry a firearm openly, but when one puts on a coat or jacket, the individual is subject to multiple hurdles, separating Ohioans from their God-given rights as expressed in the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution," he said.

Rep. Leland said he spoke with the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police, which will be opposing the measure.

"The indication I got back from them was that they were opposed to this one and the other one that deals with letting the officer know about the weapon when it's in the car," he said.

Rep. Hood said he has spoken with individual officers who are in favor of the measure.

"Getting more guns in the hands of law abiding citizens is a positive, not a negative," he said.

Proponents: Child Sick Care Bill Would Help Parents Hold Jobs When Kids Are Ill

Supporters of a bill to create a child sick care license said it would alleviate a burden on parents and keep kids with communicable diseases out of schools and daycares.

Devita Douglas, director of operations with Zakai Care, told the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee that there are currently no providers who provide child sick care services in Ohio.

She said lower income families rely on child care subsidies to maintain job stability while taking care of children.

"Working mothers regularly send children to school sick, because they don't feel they're able to take time off to care for them," she said.

The legislation (HB 77) would help parents have a backup plan in cases where parents need to find care for sick children without needing to take time off from work. Sick care centers would have licensed physicians, nurses and other medical professionals on hand for children from eight weeks to 12 years old.

"It will benefit every working parent with job security, and help employer's groups maintain productivity," she said. "It will also benefit schools and daycares by reducing the spread of illnesses among other children and teachers."

Sue Peters, director of nursing at Zakai Care, said keeping sick children out of places full of healthy children will lead to fewer sick children.

"The children that do get sick, when they are sent to a daycare, they're getting the other children sick," she said. "So we go from one child to 20 children. Now 20 parents have to take off that day and lose their income."

Ms. Douglas told Chairman Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy) that the development of her center had to stop because there was no state agency that could regulate it.

The business model would be all private pay - parents would pay a monthly membership fee for the service and then a copay on days they use it, she said. The Department of Job and Family Services pays a per diem rate for child care through the child care subsidy program, but as a sick care service these businesses would not be eligible for that money.

Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) suggested she and the sponsor explore if they could be eligible for some child care subsidy money.

"You might want to investigate whether the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will pay for families to be there under sick care," he said.

Members of the committee also discussed a provision of the bill saying it doesn't apply to facilities in hospitals. Rep. Steven Arndt (R-Port Clinton) said he didn't want to restrict where these facilities could be if, say, an unused wing of a hospital could be used.

"I really believe there is a need for this service in the communities," he said.

Rep. Young and the bill's sponsor, Rep. Wes Retherford (R-Hamilton), said hospitals are already able to provide these services under their current licenses.

"Basically a hospital doesn't need any kind of a license currently to treat a sick child," Rep. Young said.

Ms. Douglas said these kinds of providers would be in place to care for mildly sick children, such as those with colds, not those with severe conditions. The facilities would have staffing ratios of four children to one staffer, she said.

Rep. Clyde Announces Bid For Secretary Of State

Rep. Kathleen Clyde on Tuesday made her long-expected campaign for secretary of state official, telling supporters Ohioans deserve better than what they currently have in terms of government representation.

Her campaign launch speech centered on her involvement in a number of ballot access issues in recent years - from the purging of voter rolls to a court-overturned legal interpretation that barred certain 17-year-olds from voting in the 2016 presidential primaries.

The Kent Democrat has been a frequent critic of Secretary of State Jon Husted and of Republican-backed bills she views as threatening voting access.

"There's a lot more work to do and Ohioans deserve better than what they're getting from their leaders in Columbus," Rep. Clyde said.



Rep. Clyde

Rep. Clyde's announcement positions her as the first Democrat to declare for the race. On the Republican side, Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville) has already declared and Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Copley) is also expected to run. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 1, 2017)

Rep. Clyde was elected to represent the 75th House District in 2010 and went on to win reelection in 2012, 2014 and 2016. Prior to that, she spent stints as a business attorney, deputy legal counsel for former House Speaker Armond Budish, and an election official during the 2008 presidential election.

Kicking off her campaign, Rep. Clyde described herself as a small-town Ohio native who was fascinated by a mock presidential election organized by a grade school teacher.

"What I experienced then was simple and fun and it gave me a lot of pride," she said. "And it looked different than the current situation in Ohio. Instead of making it simpler to vote our state leaders have made it more difficult seemingly by the day."

She criticized Ohio for leading the nation in voter roll purging, with more than 2 million voters purged. She told members of the media the only circumstances in which the purging of rolls is acceptable is after a voter dies or moves out of state.

She promised to bring "accountability and transparency" in the state's top election office and pursue automatic registration. Additionally, she voiced a desire to modernize and streamline both the election and business filing systems.

"Whether your Ohio business is large and growing, or small and home-based, I will insist my office is helpful and streamlined, not unresponsive and bureaucratic, by modernizing the office's tools and prioritizing small businesses," she said.

Part of that modernization effort, she said, would include updating the state's aging voting infrastructure and preparing to combat cyber threats.

Questioned about the Trump administration's tone on potential voter fraud, Rep. Clyde said she agrees with Mr. Husted that such fraud is "virtually nonexistent in Ohio." Mr. Husted previously pushed back on then-candidate Donald Trump's assertions of widespread fraud. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 17, 2016)

Rep. Clyde also vowed to push to expand and protect voting hours after work and on weekends. "I will ensure registration is simple, you have every opportunity to vote, and every vote is counted," she said.

She criticized the Ballot Board, which is chaired by the secretary of state, for too often succumbing to partisanship when reviewing proposed citizen initiative ballot proposals.

"That is a problem we currently have in Ohio, that the Ballot Board is being used to really play a role in the process of making decisions," she said. "I would want to take a step back from that and lead that in the most nonpartisan way we can to ensure fairness."

She closed by recounting her involvement in pursuing court action against Mr. Husted's order preventing certain 17-year-olds who would be eligible to vote in the 2016 general election from voting in the preceding primaries. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 11, 2015)

The court ultimately sided with voting advocates and ruled against Mr. Husted who has said his office "properly administrated the law" in that case.

"This is what happens when we work together," Rep. Clyde said of the advocates' success. "It doesn't matter how old you are or where you live, you deserve the right to participate in our election process."

Higher Education Institutions Post Expenditures On Ohio Checkbook Website

Bowling Green State University, Central State University and Central Ohio Technical College on Tuesday became the first higher education institutions to post their finances online for public viewing.

The institution's finances are available on Treasurer Josh Mandel's OhioCheckbook.com, an initiative university leaders announced they'd participate in nearly a year ago.

"Now, fortunately, everyday citizens, students, parents and faculty can access this information on college campuses and follow the money," Mr. Mandel said at a Columbus press event announcing the website's additions.

Josh Mandel

"The point of this is not so much transparency," however, he added. "Transparency is actually the vehicle for the ultimate point. The ultimate point is empowering everyday Ohioans to hold public officials accountable, transferring the power from public officials to the taxpayers, transferring power from public officials to students and their families so they know how money is being spent on college campuses."

BGSU and Central State volunteered to be part of a pilot group of universities going through the process of gathering financial expenditures and transferring them online with the help of the treasurer's office, Inter-University Council President Bruce Johnson said.

Also part of the pilot project are Miami University and Ohio University, whose financials are expected to go live in June, and Wright State University, which will likely post information to OhioCheckbook.com by the end of the year.

"We're excited about it," Mr. Johnson said. "It is not easy to take a complex budget operation," and translate into the website's standard user-friendly format.

He said all student-related data protected by federal laws was removed from what's viewable online.

"That was an interesting and difficult process, but I think we've managed to do that well," he said. "The universities remain committed to transparency."

Curtis Petiss, vice president for administration and CFO of Central State, said now that the university has a handle on the process, it plans to provide regular financial updates to the treasurer's office for inclusion on the site.

Currently, Central State's financials for Fiscal Year 2015 are the only ones available for viewing, he said.

"Central State is committed to transparency and as one of the most affordable public institutions in Ohio and a land grant institution, we are excited about being part of this innovative project," Mr. Petiss said. "It is really something that has helped us be more focused (and) helped us to be a part of the state of Ohio."

Treasurer Mandel said there are no reporting deadlines placed on entities that have agreed to participate in the website because his priority is accuracy of the data.

"This is one of those processes where we don't want to allow perfect to be the enemy of good and if we get good information up there that's accurate, we get it up there and then we can keep adding and building upon it," he said.

The data that was added Tuesday includes more than 27,000 individual transactions representing more than \$39 million in spending by BGSU and more than 7,700 individual

transactions encompassing more than \$23 million in spending at Central State, the treasurer said.

Central Ohio Technical College's textbook features more than 36,000 individual transactions totaling \$23 million over the last two fiscal years.

Politics Notebook: Tiberi To Skip Senate Race; Rosenberger Endorses Potential Successor; Bishoff Replacement Process Set; Whaley Hits On Drinking Water

Pat Tiberi, a longtime member of the U.S. House of Representatives, confirmed Tuesday he will not seek the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate in 2018.

The announcement leaves State Treasurer Josh Mandel as the lone announced Republican to challenge incumbent U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown.

Mr. Tiberi, of Galena, had been considered by some as a potential primary opponent for Mr. Mandel, who unsuccessfully challenged Sen. Brown in 2012.

The congressman said he appreciated the encouragement he received to run, but that he wouldn't be able to make the most difference for Ohioans and maintain his family responsibilities while engaging in a statewide campaign.

"Since the beginning of this new congressional term, I have been immersed in leading the historic effort to reform our failing healthcare system and fix our broken tax code," he said. "In doing so, it has become clear to me that I cannot be effective in enacting real change on these critical issues, be the husband, father and son I want to be, and embark on a statewide campaign."

"With these political considerations off the table, I remain focused on serving my constituents and working with the administration to move our conservative agenda forward in Congress," he said. "That is where I can make the most difference for all Ohioans."

Ohio House: Beth Ellis of Sabina announced Tuesday she will run for the 91st House District seat currently held by House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) next year.

Ms. Ellis, a farmer and co-owner of Cherrybend Pheasant Farm, would succeed the speaker, who cannot seek reelection because of term limits.

"I have had the great privilege of serving our community in a variety of ways that have given me a clear vision of the needs and challenges facing our community," Ms. Ellis said in a statement released by the Ohio House Republican Organizational Committee. "My experiences from agriculture to business management, and healthcare to aviation, give me a knowledge base to draw upon for helping at the State level in any way that I

can. Speaker Rosenberger has and will continue to be a tremendous inspiration and resource for maintaining the continuity of progress for the 91st District."

Ms. Ellis is vice chair of the Clinton County Port Authority and is a member of the board of directors for the county's convention and visitors bureau. A licensed private pilot, she also worked in radiology at Clinton Memorial Hospital for more than 16 years.

Mr. Rosenberger called Ms. Ellis the "ideal choice" to advance the district.

"With her experience including medicine, small business ownership, agriculture, and philanthropy, there is no better choice to accurately and thoroughly represent the people of the 91st House District," he said. "Beth will be an outstanding advocate for my constituency and I have full confidence in her to work for the people of Highland, Clinton, Pike, and Ross Counties and be sure that their voices are heard in Columbus."

Bishoff Replacement: The Ohio House Democratic Caucus announced Tuesday that it will accept applications from individuals interested in being appointed to the vacant 20th House District seat through Wednesday, May 31.

The person selected for the seat would succeed former Rep. Heather Bishoff, who resigned from the House earlier this month.

Five members of the caucus will interview applicants and make a recommendation to the full caucus.

Resumes and cover letters should be sent to Andy DiPalma, House Democratic Chief of Staff, 77 South High Street; 14th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or andy.dipalma@ohiohouse.gov

Whaley-Water: Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley criticized a state budget amendment that she said would impact safe drinking water in the state. She said the plan shifts local authority to the state in terms of addressing lead hazards.

"Instead of working with local community leaders, Republicans at the Statehouse again think they know what's best for our cities and our families," the Democratic gubernatorial candidate said during a joint appearance in Cincinnati with Mayor John Cranley.

"This proposal is an out-of-touch plan from out-of-touch people. This time, their top-down approach could affect clean drinking water. The health of our communities is on the line."

Team Backing Drug Price Issue Includes Prominent Democrats, Republicans

The group backing a ballot initiative intended to lower what the state pays for prescription drugs announced its campaign team Tuesday, and the list includes some well-known political operatives from both sides of the aisle.

Ohio Taxpayers for Lower Drug Prices, the campaign backing the Ohio Drug Price Relief Act, announced more than half a dozen hires, including former top officials at the Ohio Republican Party.

The participants include:

- Rex Elsass, former executive director of the Ohio Republican Party;
- Greg Schultz, former senior advisor to Vice President Joe Biden and Special Assistant to President Barack Obama;
- Matt Borges, former Ohio Republican Party Chairman;
- Ron Malone, who runs polling and consulting firm Strategies Unlimited;
- Tracy Jones, national director of Mobilization Campaigns and Midwest regional director for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation;
- Don McTigue, a longtime Democratic election attorney; and
- Dennis Willard, a former journalist and founder of Precision New Media, a Democratic consulting firm.

"Our amendment will lower drug prices for 3.7 million Ohioans, including 164,000 children, and save lives. Voters can save themselves and all taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. Voters can reduce healthcare costs for everyone. And our amendment gives Ohio voters the power to teach the greedy drug companies and their lush life CEOs a lesson," Mr. Willard, the group's spokesman, said in a statement.

The constitutional amendment issue is expected to be a contentious one and an expensive one. On the ballot last year in California, the proposal failed 46-54% after an expensive campaign in which pharmaceutical groups spent more than \$100 million in opposition.

The proposal, backed by the California-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation, would limit the amount the state could pay for prescription drugs to the lowest amount paid by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Opponents of the plan have said it would be difficult, if not impossible, to implement and would drive up administrative costs while costing the state rebate agreements with manufacturers. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 3, 2016)

Governor's Appointments

Belmont College Board of Trustees: Edward D. Eberhart of Barnesville for a term beginning May 16, 2017, and ending May 12, 2020.

Advisory Board of the Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives: Deborah Givens Crockett of Columbus, Pastor Mark D. Ford of Akron and Rabbi Avraham Louis Goldstein of Columbus for terms beginning May 16, 2017, and ending May 4, 2018.

Attorney General's Opinion

No. 2017-013. Requested by Erie County Prosecuting Attorney Kevin J. Baxter.
SYLLABUS:

1. A county auditor is required to issue a warrant on the county treasurer to pay the compensation of county employees in an amount that is set forth in a proper order or voucher and, with respect to employees in the classified service of the county, a certified estimate, payroll, or account from the pertinent appointing authorities. (1969 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 69-153, overruled, in part, due to statutory amendment.)
2. A county auditor may not implement a change in the number of days in which a county employee's compensation is paid following the end of a pay period by paying certain county employees compensation for only one week of a biweekly pay period, unless the county appointing authority presents to a county auditor a voucher or order setting forth that amount.
3. A county appointing authority may present a voucher or order setting forth compensation for only one week of a biweekly pay period, so long as such a change does not conflict with a provision of an applicable collective bargaining agreement.
4. A county appointing authority may not present a voucher or order setting forth compensation for only one week of a biweekly pay period, when doing so causes a county employee to be paid his annual compensation in fewer pay periods than is specified in an applicable statute, or to receive in the same number of pay periods less than his full annual compensation in one year.
5. A county appointing authority may not present a voucher or order setting forth compensation for only one week of a biweekly pay period, unless the reduction in pay is supported by one of the reasons set forth in R.C. 124.34.
6. A county appointing authority may not present a voucher or order setting forth compensation for only one week of a biweekly pay period, when doing so violates the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C.A. 201-219 (West Group 1998).

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Thursday, May 18

Tuition Trust Authority, 77 S. High St., 31st Fl., Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Wednesday, May 17

Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) news conference on opiate legislation, Harding Press Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 10 a.m.

37th Annual Governor's Holocaust Commemoration, Ohio Holocaust & Liberators Memorial, Statehouse, Columbus, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 19

Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell) shooting fundraiser, Black Wing Shooting Center, 3722 Marysville Road, Delaware, 12 p.m., (12:00pm Lunch; 1:00pm Shooting. Clay Shooting Sponsor: \$2,500; Pistol Shooting Sponsor: \$1,000; Ammo Sponsor: \$500; Clay Shooting & Lunch: \$175/person; Pistol Shooting & Lunch: \$150/person; Lunch Only: \$50/person to Brenner for Ohio)

Monday, June 5

Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) fundraiser, Rocky River Event Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, 5:30 p.m., (Platinum Event Sponsor: \$1,000; Gold Sponsor: \$175; Silver Sponsor: \$125; Bronze Sponsor: \$50; Single Ticket: \$25/person to Friends of Dave Greenspan)

Thursday, July 13

Rep. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) golf outing fundraiser, Eagle Rock Golf Club, 211 Carpenter Road, Defiance, 11 a.m., (Golf Outing; Thursday, July 13, 2017; 11:00am Registration and Lunch; 12:00pm Shotgun Start. Event Sponsor: \$2,500; Tee Sponsor: \$1,000; Green Sponsor: \$500; Foursome: \$400; Individual Golfer: \$100 to Citizens for McColley)

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Senate Activity for Tuesday, May 16, 2017

INTRODUCED

SB 150 ■ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (Brown, E.)** To prohibit a person convicted of domestic violence or assault of a family member, or a person subject to certain protection orders, from having a firearm; to establish a procedure for surrendering all firearms in the person's possession; and to name the act the "Domestic Violence Survivors Protection Act." Am. 2903.13, 2919.25, 2919.26, 2923.13, 2923.14, and 3113.31 and to enact sections 2923.133 and 2923.134

SCR 7 ■ **BANKING FUNCTIONS (Skindell, M.)** To urge the United States Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation that would reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking function that was in effect under the Glass- Steagall Act.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Legislative Service Commission: Remove Sen. Schiavoni, appoint Sen. Yuko

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Education

SB 8 ■ **SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY & SAFETY (Gardner, R., Terhar, L.)** To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security. (REPORTED-SUBSTITUTE; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

The panel adopted a substitute bill that **Sen. Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green) said increased flexibility of the proposal and enjoyed strong committee support. The substitute makes it clear that joint vocational school districts are eligible for the program, he said. It also broadens the proposal to allow any project that would otherwise meet OSFC requirements to be eligible for consideration. The change, he said, gives districts more flexibility to propose changes to their school buildings. Sen. Gardner told committee members the bill doesn't allow districts to move in front of others in terms of OSFC priority lists, and doesn't involve any general revenue funds or bonding capacity.

Written supportive testimony was submitted by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, Ohio School Boards Association and Ohio Association of School Business Officials.

"SB8 is permissive and gives districts more flexibility for utilizing OSFC funds for things such as security, IT infrastructure, or other projects already permitted under a full scale facilities project," the groups wrote in a joint submission. "It should also be noted that districts will still have an obligation to match any state funding. We appreciate efforts to give districts more tools for meeting students' needs such as this new option in SB8."

Governor's Appointments: The committee also recommended confirmation of the governor's appointments of Dennis Bartels and Srikanth Gaddam to the State Board of Career Colleges & Schools.

Finance: Health & Medicaid Sub.

The subcommittee heard testimony on aging and long-term care services in the biennial budget bill (**HB 49**; *See separate story*) and also heard testimony regarding mental health and public health services.

Mental Health: Helen Jones-Kelley, executive director of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services, asked the Senate to keep the additional money proposed by the House to target the drug problem and mental health.

"Mental health, substance use and behavioral health services are vital to our efforts to strengthen and stabilize our communities," she said.

She also urged continued support of Medicaid expansion, which she said has helped provide coverage for many people with mental illness and addiction.

Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) asked if the \$170 million the House targeted at the drug problem was sufficient. (See **Gongwer Ohio Report, April 25, 2017**)

Ms. Jones-Kelley said the funding will help, but that there isn't a dollar number that would solve the state's addiction problem.

"The money hasn't been minted to address this, in all honesty," she said.

Public Health: Peggy Anderson, chief operating officer for Equitas Health, said the budget proposal includes cuts to at least three line items in the Department of Health that would affect Ohioans with HIV, including a 19% reduction in the HIV prevention and treatment line item.

"The state's relatively low-cost investment in testing, counseling, and education helps to avoid transmission of HIV and AIDS," she said. "These dollars are used to help screen high risk populations, including victims of sex trafficking and individuals with addiction, in community settings as opposed to traditional health care settings."

Other cuts include to the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program, which provides medications through a specialty pharmacy.

Sean Gallagher, representing the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said the chapter is working on an amendment to change the process in which parents opt out of having their child vaccinated and how schools handle immunization forms.

The proposal would require that immunization forms be signed by a physician or other licensed health care provider. It would also standardize data collection and reporting,

allowing parents of children with weakened immune systems to know the immunization rate at their schools.

"I want to stress that the amendment does not eliminate the parent's ability to opt out of immunization requirements," he said. "Our goal is to ensure parents make informed decisions about immunization and that our reporting system is consistent across the state."

Finance: General Government & Agency Review Sub.

The subcommittee heard from a handful of agency leaders and state office representatives who were largely supportive of the biennial budget (**HB 49**) current before the Senate. Some did recommend, however, that House budget changes be reversed. (*See separate story*)

Department of Insurance: Director Jillian Froment did not oppose a cut in revenues going to the agency that would lead to a 2% decrease in its budget. Rather, she said the department will be requesting funding shifts to better manage the \$850,000 loss.

Ms. Froment explained that an additional \$400,000 in appropriation authority was provided through the House budget in each year to accommodate a federal grant that was awarded after the original version was released.

"The award does not impact GRF and is related to the Department's Medicare outreach Program," she said.

Secretary of State: The office is not requesting any General Revenue Fund dollars and will instead rely on \$4.76 million in existing cash balances to pay for operations over the next biennium, Assistant Secretary of State Matthew Damschroder said.

"The majority of non-GRF dollars are from the Business Services Fund 5990, which receives fees collected for filings under Title 13 and Title 17 of the Revised Code - uniform commercial code and business filings, respectively. Annual revenue into the fund totals approximately \$15 million," he said.

Business filings with the office are at an all-time high following Secretary Jon Husted's push to implement online filing and reduce fees, Mr. Damschroder said.

Ohio Expositions Commission: A recent economic impact study found the Ohio Expo Center has a \$478 million direct and indirect expenditure impact on the state, Director Virgil Strickler said. The expenditures generate about \$14 million in local, county and state tax revenues and support nearly 4,600 full- and part-time jobs.

Events held at the Columbus venue make up about half of the commission's revenue, he said. The other half comes from the Ohio State Fair, which begins on July 26 this year.

"Over the past several years, extra efforts with grounds beautification, cleanliness, customer service, free entertainment and comfort areas have enhanced both the public and media perceptions of the fair," Mr. Strickler said. "As a result, the Ohio State Fair attracts more than 900,000 visitors during its 12-day run and enjoys strong support from local and statewide organizations, sponsors and media."

Governor's Office: Matthew McAuliffe, interim director of cabinet affairs for the governor's office, supported the executive budget recommendation to maintain flat funding for the office over the biennium.

The all-funds budget request is more than \$3.2 million in each year, with GRF dollars making up \$2.9 million of the total.

"Our non-GRF line item, which supports government affairs activity remains flat funded at the FY 2017 estimate," Mr. McAuliffe said. "This special fund was created in a previous administration to allow the office of the governor to better serve agencies."

Liquor Control Commission: Requested increases to the commission's budget would cover an estimated rise in cases requiring administrative hearings, Executive Director Sarah Creedono said.

The commission requested \$844,553 for Fiscal Year 2018, which is a 4% increase from Fiscal Year 2017, and \$851,269 for Fiscal Year 2019, which is an additional .08% increase from FY 2018.

In 2016, the commission saw an increase in the number of citation cases heard by the commission by 500 cases to 2,000 total, Ms. Creedono said.

"Agency staff makes extensive preparation prior to monthly hearings, issues decisions, and collects financial forfeitures. The agency also promulgates rules relating to alcohol sales and distribution and has been diligent in seeking public input to better understand the impact of proposed rules on stakeholders," she said.

The commission doesn't operate on GRF dollars, but does contribute to the fund by depositing financial forfeitures issued against permit holders for violations of state liquor laws and rules, she added.

Department of Transportation: Director Jerry Wray asked the subcommittee to support aviation, transit and rail programs, which are not covered through the Motor Fuel Tax like many of the agency's transportation focuses.

The ODOT Office of Aviation has a handful of responsibilities, including aircraft maintenance, airport planning, engineering, safety inspections, aircraft registration and airspace protection, he said.

"Aviation is a critical part our state's economy. The most recent statewide airport system plan estimates that Ohio's aviation industry contributes more than \$13 billion in economic activity and helps create more than 123,000 jobs with an annual payroll of over \$4 billion," Director Wray said.

He also touted the importance of public transit, saying that ODOT spends 65% of the \$6.5 million available in GRF to invest in local systems in small urban rural communities. Those dollars then allow local entities to draw down Federal Transit Administration dollars.

Finance: Higher Education Sub.

University of Akron President Matthew Wilson raised concerns with the budget's higher education proposals, saying the biennial spending bill "could negatively impact the financial recovery underway" at his institution as well as "expose other regional universities to the risk of financial distress, and take away valuable resources and services from our students."

The latest version of the budget (**HB 49**) proposes flat state share of instruction funding, reduced Ohio College Opportunity Grant dollars, a tuition and fee freeze, and a provision that would require institutions to cover half the cost of College Credit Plus textbooks.

Like other university stakeholders who've testified before him, Mr. Wilson said the combination of the aforementioned proposals puts institutions in a difficult spot financially - meaning fewer student resources and opportunities to improve quality.

He proposed allowing institutions to increase tuition to offset SSI declines and suggested requiring students taking CCP courses to pay for their own textbooks.

Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) asked which is more important: an increase in SSI or tuition flexibility.

Mr. Wilson said it'd be nice if the legislature provided both, but thinks students would benefit most from SSI because it's an investment into the state's higher education system.

Responding to a question from **Sen. Sandra Williams** (D-Cleveland), Mr. Wilson said the CCP textbook provision would cost his institution about \$850,000 annually. Full-time students are often able to get creative to save costs on textbooks, but institutions and districts would be required to purchase new materials for students, he said.

A provision that would have institutions cover the cost of exams that demonstrate college preparedness, such as the ACT or SAT, would also cut into the Akron budget, he said.

Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) said the state pays for high school juniors to take the ACT. She questioned whether it'd be helpful for the legislature to provide students interested in CCP the flexibility to take the test earlier. Mr. Wilson said that is a possibility.

Faculty: Ohio Faculty Council Chairman Dan Krane also supported allowing institutions to raise tuition if SSI can't be increased.

"The split between these two sources across the US averages 50%. But, at 37%, Ohio's state support of higher education is well below the national average," he said. "This is not surprising given that higher education expenditures make up just 4% of Ohio's total expenditures - one third the national average."

Mr. Krane was also critical of provisions in the current version of budget permitting community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees and making changes to sick-leave and tenure.

Answering questions from the committee on tenure, Mr. Krane said he it's not likely there are Ohio institutions allowing tenured professors to go without responsibility. Those who aren't teaching classes are often doing research, competing for grants or completing service work, he said.

He said he'd provide the subcommittee more details on the number of faculty members who've lost their tenure in recent years.

Sen. Williams asked what professors consider when choosing textbooks for students. Mr. Krane said what he knows is that, contrary to the belief of some, professors aren't likely motivated by receiving benefits from publishers and they don't earn much in royalties from their own books.

"I happen to be the lead author of a fairly widely used textbook. I can tell you that the royalties I get from that book would make you wonder why anybody would take the time to write a book," he said, estimating he's made about \$10,000 in royalties over the last decade.

Community Colleges: Columbus State Community College President David Harrison urged the committee to maintain a House budget proposal that would allow community colleges to increase tuition by \$10 per credit hour.

College leaders have said the money generated will be used to expand student resources aimed at reducing time to degree and career preparation.

"A \$10 per credit hour increase would cost the average Columbus State student an additional \$90 per semester, and would not cost the State a penny in GRF," Mr. Harrison said. "Columbus State would still be the lowest higher education provider in our region by far. We recognize the difficult situation of the state budget, and understand that there won't likely be additional investment in the State Share of Instruction."

"With the steps Columbus State has already taken for cost containment and affordability, tuition revenue is critical to continued advancements on issues important to the State," he added.

Mr. Harrison said CSCC tuition is currently 10% less than average among community colleges and 32% less than other institutions in central Ohio.

He is also in favor of the House's support for short-term certificate programs by designating \$5 million to them in the budget.

"It's those short-term certificates that are really going to fuel a lot of major industries," Mr. Harrison said.

Libraries: Michelle Francis, director of government and legal services for the Ohio Library Council, continued to push for a budget change to maintain the current rate of funding for state libraries. The bill reduces the public library fund percentage of GRF from 1.7% to 1.66%.

Declining state revenues have already reduced what the current rate generates, she said. Additional cuts would be devastating to the services libraries provide - including workforce development and internet connectivity resources.

"State funding through the PLF is critically important because it remains a primary source of revenue for public libraries," Ms. Francis said. "Statewide, more than 49% of the total funding for Ohio's public libraries comes from the state through the PLF. In addition, 58 of the 251 public library systems do not have a local property tax levy and rely solely on their state funding as their main source of revenue for day-to-day operations."

"Ohio's public libraries are simply looking for revenue stability in an effort to maintain current levels and to prevent reductions in services to Ohioans," she continued.

Considering the proposed reduction in funding, declining state revenues and changes to the GRF base as a result of Medicaid Managed Care Sales Tax changes, Ms. Francis said libraries could lose \$16.6 million in the first year of the biennium.

Kim Fender, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and chair of the Ohio Library Council's government relations committee, said library use in her region has increased while funding has decreased.

"At this point, we can no longer meet the demand for our services with the funding we have, much less with reduced funding," she said.

She told the panel that every million dollars cut in library funding represents 50,000 fewer books purchased and 2,000 fewer hours of library access.

Chairman **Sen. Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green) questioned if it's time for the legislature to create a dedicated funding line item for libraries.

"Is it time to consider libraries joining the rest of the budget and just having a line item called public library fund with x amount of dollars and let the legislature make that judgment each biennium as to its level?" he asked.

Ms. Francis said the possibility isn't one that has been discussed among OLC members.

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Legislative Committees

House Transportation & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034), Rm. 017, 9 a.m.

- HB 60** **DRIVER'S LICENSES** (Hambley, S., Rogers, J.) To authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security. (4th Hearing-Interested party-Possible vote)
- HB 95** **DISTRACTED DRIVING** (Hughes, J., Seitz, B.) To establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is the apparent cause of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import. (4th Hearing-Interested party-Possible vote)
- HB 150** **LICENSE PLATE** (Patmon, B.) To create a special license plate for hearing-impaired individuals. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 159** **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Riedel, C.) To designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 188** **LICENSE PLATES** (Henne, M.) To authorize the owner or operator of a specialty kit car to display a license plate only on the rear of the car if the owner or operator pays a \$150 fee. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 194** **LICENSE PLATES** (Johnson, T., Craig, H.) To establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 195** **WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTS** (Ingram, C., Seitz, B.) To modify the provisions concerning the transport of persons who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid in nonemergency circumstances. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Health (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-8114), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

- HB 167** **OPIOID MEDICATIONS** (Edwards, J.) Regarding addiction treatment and opioid prescribing by physicians and dentists. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 196** **AWARENESS MONTH** (Lipps, S.) To designate October as "Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 184** **DENTISTRY** (Gavarone, T., DeVitis, T.) To authorize the provision of dental services through teledentistry, to require a proposal for creation of a primary care dental student component of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship

Program, and to make other changes to the laws governing the practices of dentistry and dental hygiene. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

SB 131 **TAX CREDITS (Dolan, M.)** To provide that compensation paid to certain home-based employees may be counted for purposes of an employer qualifying for and complying with the terms of a Job Creation Tax Credit. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 114, 9:30 a.m.

HB 13 **JURY SERVICE (Gonzales, A.)** To permit a prospective juror who is a mother who is breast-feeding her baby to be excused from jury service. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 17 **CHARITABLE BINGO (Cera, J.)** To reduce the licensing fee for charitable organizations conducting instant bingo on five or fewer days per year, and to allow those organizations to change the location and date of the instant bingo sessions after a license has been issued. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 23 **ALCOHOLIC ICE CREAM (Patterson, J., Boggs, K.)** To allow A-4 liquor permit holders to manufacture and sell ice cream containing between one-half of one per cent and six per cent of alcohol by volume. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 145 **CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT (Huffman, S., Sprague, R.)** To provide for the establishment of a confidential program for the treatment of certain impaired practitioners and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 189 **COSMETOLOGY LAW (Roegner, K., Reece, A.)** To make changes to the Cosmetology Licensing Law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 132 **FANTASY CONTESTS (Dever, J., McColley, R.)** To grant the Ohio Casino Control Commission the authority to regulate fantasy contests and to exempt fantasy contests from the gambling laws. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 87 **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Roegner, K.)** Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Aging & Long Term Care (Committee Record) (Chr. Arndt, S., 644-6011), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

- **Presentations from the Ohio Association of the Area Agencies on Aging and Leading Age Ohio**

Senate Finance: Health & Medicaid Sub. (Committee Record) (Chr. Hackett, B., 466-3780), North Hearing Rm., 10 a.m.

- **Public budget testimony-general issues.**

House Higher Education & Workforce Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 115, 11 a.m.

HB 166 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (Reineke, B., Cupp, R.) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 3 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (Beagle, B., Balderson, T.) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Senate Finance: Primary & Secondary Education Sub. (Committee Record) (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150), North Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session

- **Budget testimony from Battelle, Charter School Authorizers, Dayton Education Association, Catholic Conference of Ohio, Fordham, Educopia and Ohio Association of Independent Schools**

House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (Committee Record) (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 116, 4 p.m. or after session

HB 158 **MILITARY TRANSFERS** (Perales, R., Craig, H.) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

HB 183 **AVIATION HALL** (Perales, R.) To establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

HB 202 **AWARENESS DAY** (Thompson, A.) To designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Community & Family Advancement (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 4 p.m.

HB 187 **APPLICANT INFORMATION** (Dever, J.) To regulate the collection, use, and retention of certain information obtained from an applicant during the employee selection process. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 126 **KINSHIP CAREGIVERS** (Boyd, J., Rezabek, J.) To require a region-based kinship caregiver navigator program. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 119

SNAP (Henne, M., McColley, R.) Regarding eligibility and benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program and the Medicaid program. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

Agency Calendar

Casino Control Commission, Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Public Benefits Advisory Board, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

State Personnel Board of Review, 65 E. State St., 12th Fl., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Rail Development Commission, 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus, 11 a.m.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

Event Planner

Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) news conference on opiate legislation, Harding Press Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 10 a.m.

37th Annual Governor's Holocaust Commemoration, Ohio Holocaust & Liberators Memorial, Statehouse, Columbus, 10:30 a.m.

2017 Arts Day & Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio Luncheon, The Columbus Athenaeum, 32 North Fourth Street, Columbus, 12 p.m.

Rep. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati) & Rep. Glenn Holmes (D-McDonald) fundraiser, Westies Gastropub, 940 S. Front St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000 Host \$500 Friend \$350 to Ingram for the People and/or Committee to Elect Glenn Holmes)

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House Activity for Tuesday, May 16, 2017

INTRODUCED

- HB 217** ■ **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS** (Brenner, A.) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission. Am. 3345.43
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- HB 218** ■ **PARK DISTRICTS** (Seitz, B.) To expand a probate court's powers and duties with regard to a park district. Am. 1545.06
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- HB 219** ■ **SPEED LIMITS** (Bocchieri, J.) To specify that a speed limit becomes effective at a reasonable distance from the appropriate sign giving notice of the speed limit. Am. 4511.21
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- HB 220** ■ **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** (Leland, D.) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools. Am. 3301.97
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- HB 221** ■ **WATER SEWER PROJECTS** (Holmes, G.) To expressly include, as eligible projects under the State Capital Improvements Program administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, water and sewer laterals located on private property. Am. 151.08 and 164.01
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- HB 222** ■ **VOTER ID** (Greenspan, D.) To specify that a concealed handgun license qualifies as photo identification for voting purposes. Am. 3501.01
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- HB 223** ■ **STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS** (Dever, J.) Relative to transfers of structured settlement payment rights. Am. 2323.58, 2323.581, 2323.582, 2323.583, 2323.584, 2323.585, 2323.586, and 2323.587
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- HB 224** ■ **SCHOOL FOODS** (Ingram, C.) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging. Am. 3313.818

HB 225 ■ **OIL GAS WELLS (Thompson, A.)** To allow a landowner to report an idle and orphaned well or abandoned well, to require the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management to inspect and classify such a well, to require the Chief to begin plugging a well classified as distressed-high priority within a specified time period, and to authorize an income tax deduction for reimbursements paid by the state to a landowner for costs incurred to plug an idle or orphaned well. Am. 1509.071, 1509.34, and 5747.01

HB 226 ■ **FIREWORKS (Seitz, B., Sweeney, M.)** To establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning July 1, 2020, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks. Am. 1705.48, 3737.51, 3737.71, 3737.99, 3743.04, 3743.17, 3743.44, 3743.45, 3743.60, 3743.61, 3743.63, 3743.65, 3743.75, 3743.99, 5703.052, 5703.053, 5703.19, 5703.70, and 5703.77 and to enact sections 3737.04, 3737.05, 3737.06, 3737.07, 3737.08, 3737.09, 3737.10, 3737.11, 3737.12, 3743.46, 3743.47, 3743.591, and 3743.67

HB 227 ■ **LICENSE PLATE (LaTourette, S.)** To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate. Am. 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88

HB 228 ■ **GUN LAWS (Johnson, T., LaTourette, S.)** To assign to the prosecution the burden of disproving a self-defense or related claim, to expand the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat before using force under both civil and criminal law, and to modify the Concealed Handgun Licensing Law regarding a licensee's duty to keep the licensee's hands in plain sight, the penalties for illegally carrying a concealed firearm or improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, and the posting of warning signs regarding the possession of weapons on specified premises. Am. 307.932, 2307.601, 2901.05, 2901.09, 2923.12, 2923.126, 2923.16, and 2953.37 and to repeal section 2923.1212

CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION

SB 24 ■ **LOAN ACT (Terhar, L.)** To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act.

HB 115 ■ **COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES (Gavarone, T., Wiggam, S.)** To establish a database of persons who voluntarily register as being diagnosed with a communication disability or who voluntarily register a minor child or ward as the parents or guardians of such persons for purposes of law enforcement notification.

HB 124 ■ **TAX LEVIES (Brenner, A., Carfagna, R.)** To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory.

REFERRED

Civil Justice:

HB 213 ■ **REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS (Dever, J.)** To change the definition of "appraisal" for purposes of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Law, to make changes to certain procedures and the exceptions to licensure under that law, to regulate appraisal management companies, and to declare an emergency.

Community & Family Advancement:

HB 204 ■ **GRANTS DEPARTMENT (Barnes, J.)** To create the Department of Grants and Philanthropic Gestures.

Criminal Justice:

SB 32 ■ **TRIAL TIMELINES (Eklund, J.)** To provide a prosecutor an additional fourteen days to commence a trial after a person charged with a felony has been discharged because the person has not been brought to trial within the required amount of time and to authorize the court to release the person from detention in connection with those charges pending trial.

HB 215 ■ **PAULDING COURTS** (Riedel, C.) To create the Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 2019, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding County County Court on that date, to designate the Paulding County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Paulding County Municipal Court, and to provide for the election for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2018.

Economic Development, Commerce & Labor:

HB 211 ■ **HOME INSPECTORS** (Hughes, J.) To require the licensure of home inspectors and to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors.

Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development:

HB 205 ■ **SENIOR HOUSING** (Barnes, J.) To enact the "Senior Housing Relief Act" to prohibit the sale of delinquent property tax certificates for homesteads owned for at least 20 years by a person aged 65 or older at the time of the sale and to prohibit tax foreclosure on such property when the senior homeowner has paid the current taxes in all but five or fewer taxable years.

Health:

HB 214 ■ **ABORTION** (LaTourette, S., Merrin, D.) To prohibit a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion because an unborn child has or may have Down Syndrome.

Higher Education & Workforce Development:

HB 203 ■ **SUMMER JOBS (Barnes, J.)** To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth.

State & Local Government:

SB 62 ■ **DAY DESIGNATION (Yuko, K.)** To designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day."

HB 207 ■ **PHOTO MONITORING (Patton, T.)** To prohibit a municipal corporation or township that does not operate either a fire department or an emergency medical services organization from utilizing traffic law photo-monitoring devices.

HB 208 ■ **PHOTO MONITORING (Patton, T.)** To prohibit a local authority with a population of 200 or fewer from utilizing traffic law photo-monitoring devices.

HB 209 ■ **PHOTO MONITORING (Patton, T.)** To prohibit a local authority, in any year, from issuing a total number of traffic tickets based on the use of traffic law photo-monitoring devices that exceeds two times the population of the local authority.

HB 210 ■ **PHOTO MONITORING (Patton, T.)** To prohibit a local authority from deriving more than 30 per cent of the total annual revenue of the local authority from the issuance of tickets for traffic law violations based on evidence recorded by traffic law photo-monitoring devices.

Transportation & Public Safety:

HB 206 ■ **AIR COMMISSION (Barnes, J.)** To create the Commercial Airline and Air Freight Commission.

HB 212 ■ **ROAD NAMING** (Householder, L.) To designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

Ways & Means:

SB 36 ■ **AGRICULTURAL LAND** (Hite, C.) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type.

HB 216 ■ **AUTO SALES CREDIT** (Hambley, S., Brinkman, T.) To authorize a sales and use tax trade-in credit for purchases of used motor vehicles from a licensed dealer.

HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

Commission on Infant Mortality.: Rep. LaTourette as co-chair

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

HB 84 ■ **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Arndt, S., Patton, T.) To designate June as "Ohio Goes Boating Month."
(Enacted)
Signed: May 16, 2017; Effective: in 90 days

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development

HB 199 ■ **MORTGAGE LENDING** (Blessing, L.) To create the Ohio Residential Mortgage Lending Act for the purpose of regulating all non-depository lending secured by residential real estate and to limit the application of the current Mortgage Loan Law to unsecured loans and loans secured by other than residential real estate. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Proponent)

Rep. Louis Blessing (R-Cincinnati) said the bill responds to confusion that has arisen from examiners' interpretations of the current law.

He said the proposal specifies that all mortgage loans - both first and second liens - secured by residential real estate would fall under a single section (ORC 1322) of the law, rather than a different section (ORC 1321) that would cover loans secured by non-real estate collateral and unsecured loans.

The bill would have mortgage bankers and mortgage brokers secure licenses under ORC 1322, which would eliminate a mortgage banker exemption and giving the Division of Financial Institutions authority over all mortgage bankers and mortgage brokers.

"Over the years, examiners have interpreted the statute inconsistently when it comes to mortgage lending. Since Mortgage Bankers are lenders, many of them service the loans they make, even though the actual loan is sold in the secondary market," Rep. Blessing said.

"Therefore, they would collect payments."

"The original intent of the statute was that if a Mortgage Broker who was licensed under 1322 collects a payment, they must also license under section 1321," he added. "Mortgage Bankers were only required to license under 1321 if they made second mortgages. Some examiners have interpreted the statute to mean that if a lender or broker licenses under section 1322, they can make all types of mortgage loans, both first and second liens. Some examiners have interpreted the statute to mean that if a lender collect the first payment, they must license under section 1321, even though they may be an exempt lender seller/servicer. Some lenders and brokers have been told during the examination process that they have the wrong license and may find themselves in a position of unknowingly engaging in unlicensed activity."

"Needless to say, the statute is confusing to the mortgage lending industry, examiners, and consumers alike," he said.

Chair **Rep. Jonathan Dever** (R-Cincinnati) said the sponsor has been working on the bill for more than a year, and added that changes are likely to be brought before the committee.

Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid) asked whether the bill makes any changes in terms of consumer protections. Sponsor Blessing said the bill doesn't adjust consumer protections and only streamlines the current law and process.

Rep. Robert Sprague (R-Findlay) questioned whether there would be a need to retain old sections of law if the new provisions are enacted.

Insurance

HB 27

BWC BUDGET (Brinkman, T.) To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs. (**REPORTED-AMENDED (See separate story)**; 7th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

Ways & Means

HB 186

HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES (Rogers, J., Scherer, G.) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a post-secondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax

deduction for qualified higher education expenses. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Rep. John Rogers (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) and **Rep. Gary Scherer** (R-Circleville) said the bill would provide financial relief for those under the burden of debt from tuition expenses and encourage those students to remain in Ohio after they have graduated. Rep. Rogers said the bill would "offer some relief to those who have invested in themselves and completed post-secondary training. Specifically, it would apply to those students who graduate from a technical program, or earn an associate's, baccalaureate or more advanced degree."

There are a few programs already in place which provide deductions for higher education expenses, but Rep. Rogers explained the differences between those and the proposed bill. "Whereas the current deduction is allowed up front, at the time of the investment, the deduction we are proposing would be available to the student after he or she successfully completes their education and would be based upon their actual out-of-pocket investment in themselves," he said.

The representatives were questioned by **Rep. Louis Blessing** (R-Cincinnati), who asked if this bill would end up simply transferring wealth to the university system and allow them to take on more debt. Rep. Rogers acknowledged that risk, but stated that such a risk was worth the chance to attract more young people to Ohio. Rep. Scherer added the distinction that the bill would provide a tax deduction, rather than a tax credit.

HB 105 **WELL FUND (Cera, J., Hill, B.)** To limit the amount of revenue that may be credited to the Oil and Gas Well Fund and to allocate funds in excess of that amount to local governments, fire departments, and a grant program to encourage compressed natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel. (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Representatives from several counties and townships testified before the committee, describing how the bill would help support local infrastructure projects and economic development. The bill would limit revenue credited to the Oil and Gas Well Fund and allocate the excess to support local governments.

Dale Dietrich, president of the Monroe County Township Association, said the measure would help local schools offer more technical courses to meet workforce demands.

"Our local townships would be able to greatly enhance their road maintenance," Mr. Dietrich added. "With the establishment of the county fund, our county would be able to budget their money for the many infrastructures that all of our citizens need. Examples are: water and sewer projects, improved EMS service and, last but not least, better and modernized equipment."

Answering a question from Chairman **Rep. Tim Schaffer** (R-Lancaster), sponsor **Rep. Jack Cera** (D-Bellaire) said the bill would still allocate 14% of funding to the idle orphan well program.

Rick Frio, chairman of MPR Transloading and Energy Services LLC, said the bill is necessary to build on successes that resulted from the shale gas boom.

"We must be in position to welcome these new companies and factories without delay and to do this we need the revenues from the severance tax to return to our area," Mr. Frio said.

"The entire state then benefits with job creation and additional tax revenues for many generations."

Franklin Schaffer, a township trustee in Belmont County, said his area is facing six major road and bridge repair projects costing \$900,000. That's just shy of the community's annual budget, he said.

"Some of the roads that have embankment failures no longer are able to receive mail service, school bus pickup for children and emergency and fire vehicle protection," he said.

"At some point we may have to close roads until a funding source is found. These situations are happening all over the county."

Rep. Schaffer asked witnesses how they respond to claims from the bill's detractors arguing that the shale region already receives benefits from the increased activity.

Belmont County Commissioner Mark Thomas said that's a misconception in his area and that sales tax revenue is down due to the national retail downturn.

"How does Belmont County directly benefit from the increase in activity because we don't have taxing powers?" Mr. Thomas asked. "No, our coffers at this point are not increased."

Also testifying as proponents were representatives from the Belmont County Port Authority; the Jefferson County Township Association; Pultney and Augusta townships; and Belmont, Guernsey, and Monroe counties.

HB 155 **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRAINING (Sprague, R., Howse, S.)** To authorize a tax credit for expenses incurred by an employer to train a commercial vehicle operator. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Rep. Robert Sprague (R-Findlay) and **Rep. Stephanie Howse** (D-Cleveland) said their bill would create a 50% match of up to \$50,000 in an annual tax credit to train new truck drivers. The credit would be capped at \$3 million per year.

"Although drivers play a key role in our country's economic success, we continue to face a growing workforce shortage," Rep. Sprague said. "The growing demand for drivers is expected to continue."

Sponsors said the industry faced a shortage of about 38,000 drivers in 2014, which jumped to 48,000 drivers in 2015. Rep. Sprague said these jobs pay well, with the potential to make between \$42,000-45,000 immediately after licensure.

"By increasing training opportunities, this legislation is meant to help reduce the urgent and growing demand for truck drivers throughout the state of Ohio," Rep. Howse said.

Rep. Scherer said many drivers are owner/operators while others are employees. He asked if the bill would include the potential to train owner/operators or is it just limited to employees.

Rep. Howse said the bill's intent is to make the same opportunities available to both classes of drivers.

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State & Local Government

HB 134 **SCHOOL GRANTS (Hambley, S., Kick, D.)** To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the

school district. (**REPORTED-AMENDED**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

Before the bill was unanimously reported, it was amended to clarify that it pertains only to Medina County.

Thomas Ash, director of governmental relations for the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, said in written testimony the legislation is especially important for the county, which currently levies a tax for permanent improvements. It is the only county in the state to do so. "We believe that the voters of that county intended for the funds to be available for school districts to address their needs with regard to capital outlay, school buses and textbook adoptions," he wrote.

HB 168 **CEMETERY REGISTRATION (Stein, D.)** To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-All testimony)

Marilyn Brandt, president of the Ohio Cemetery Association, said the legislation would codify many of the recommendations of the Ohio Cemetery Task Force.

Ms. Brandt also spoke highly of the provision in the bill that would create the Cemetery Grant Program.

Matt DeTemple, executive director of the Ohio Township Association, also spoke in favor of the grant program, saying it will help townships across the state in maintaining more than 2,400 cemeteries.

He said the program will be especially beneficial in light of cuts to local governments in recent years.

"With reduction in revenue that is primarily used for general township purposes, townships have been forced to seek additional revenue. In November 2016, there were 59 cemetery levies on the ballot across Ohio. While a good majority of those levies passed, 15 of those levies were for additional funding and nine of those levies failed," he said.

"Being that the care and maintenance of the cemeteries is mandated by law, a township must find the funds to care for the cemeteries. Unless a township is collecting on a cemetery levy, general fund and cemetery fee monies are primarily used to provide for the maintenance and operation of township cemeteries."

Larry Keough, associate director at the Catholic Conference of Ohio, also spoke in favor of the grant program and how the funding would be awarded, which would be through the Division of Real Estate within the Department of Commerce.

Linda Ellis also provided written testimony in support of the bill.

HB 135 **DAY DESIGNATION (Patmon, B.)** To designate June 12th as "Superman Day." (**REPORTED (No testimony)**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 146 **DEATH CERTIFICATES (Householder, L.)** To allow a coroner to change the cause, manner, and mode of death in a filed death certificate only after a hearing in the court of common pleas. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsoring Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford) said the need for the legislation arose after the Franklin County Coroner's Office unilaterally changed the death certificate of a woman who died in a 2014 crash with a drunk driver.

The death certificate originally indicated that the woman died of blunt force trauma from the crash. However, the document was later changed to indicate that she died of melanoma.

"No explanation was given to the family. No explanation was given to the prosecutor. Ron O'Brien was forced to drop the felony-vehicular manslaughter charge, and Mr. Castle walked away with a misdemeanor DUI conviction," Rep. Householder said. "Mrs. Meadows did have melanoma, but melanoma did not kill her. Her death certificate was changed by a coroner who was not even in office when Mrs. Meadows died. In fact, the original coroner still stands by the original death certificate."

Rep. Householder said that was not the only time a death certificate was changed in Franklin County.

"This bill is not about tying the hands of our coroners. It is about transparency and ensuring that our coroners, law enforcement and prosecutors are on the same page so that Ohio's families can find justice," he said.

Rep. Householder also said the legislation is about financial impacts, including insurance and death benefits.

"This is not only about what's fair and right for Ohio families, but it also has a significant financial impact," he said.

Chairman Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Walnut Hills) questioned how often death certificates are changed by coroners.

Rep. Householder said it is rare, but he did not have a figure to share.

Rep. Rick Perales (R-Beavercreek) asked if the Ohio State Coroners Association has taken a position on the measure.

Rep. Householder said he reached out to the group and believes they are either neutral or opposed to the legislation.

Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Hits.) questioned the length of time the court process could take.

"What the citizens of Ohio expect from us is to get it right," he replied.

HB 51

AGENCY REVIEWS (Faber, K.) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review. **(REPORTED-AMENDED; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)**

Prior to the bill's passage out of committee, members voted along party lines to approve an amendment that would change the review process from once every four years to once every six years.

Wendy Patton, senior project director for Policy Matters Ohio, offered written opponent testimony, saying the legislation "proposes an expensive process that would divert time and resources from the delivery of important public services."

"No one would seriously suggest that we shut down our universities, prisons and nursing homes, lay off our state highway patrol officers and end all projects to keep up our roads and bridges," she wrote. "If legislators want to make sure these operations are accountable, there are numerous existing ways to do so."

Ms. Patton said lawmakers can hold agencies accountable through the budget process, through consolidation outside the budget process or through investigation by the auditor's office or the inspector general's office.

"The notion that we are going to shut down the state budget office, the Department of Natural Resources or other critical agencies is no laughing matter," she wrote. "HB51 proposes an expensive process that would divert time and resources from the delivery of important public services."

The committee narrowly reported the bill in an 8-6 vote, with Rep. Anielski and Rep. Steven Arndt (R-Port Clinton) voting against the measure.

SB 37 **POLICE CHIEF TRAINING** (Hite, C.) To require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed village, city, and township chiefs of police.
(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The legislation is designed to "create an opportunity for local police chiefs to get the training that they need to be effective and dynamic leaders," sponsoring Sen. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) said.

The 40 hours of semi-annual training the legislation would require would be offered through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission.

The training would include diversity, historical perspectives and community-police relations.

Asked by Rep. Perales about the view of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police on the measure, Sen. Hite said they are in favor of the bill, which would only apply to new chiefs.

"They are fully behind this bill," he said.

Rep. Perales also inquired about police chiefs at private colleges and whether they would be required to undergo the training.

Sen. Hite said he is unsure.

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Energy & Natural Resources

SB 2 **ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS** (Hite, C.) To revise specified laws relating to environmental protection. (CONTINUED; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Ronald Mills told the panel the bill addresses a series of environmental issues across the state, but focused on sections he said will better protect Lake Erie.

He said there have been successes in the management of the lake that have improved its condition, but said the bill's sections that strengthen the Lake Erie Commission will be helpful.

"Thus empowered the Commission could play a pivotal role in developing local support for required initiatives to achieve improved water quality in Lake Erie," he said. "It could also serve a critical role in identifying and aligning objectives among various State Agencies with local communities, when needed."

Responding to Chair **Rep. Al Landis** (R-Dover), Mr. Ross said he had a long career working in various environmental control operations, and added that three areas - dredge material, point-source pollution and agricultural activity - are the keys to improving the lake's health. Michael Dinneen, representing the Construction and Demolition Association of Ohio, testified in support.

He said the bill creates "appropriate regulation" of C&DD recycling and transfer stations, adding that it also directs the agency establish regulation for C&DD materials.

"Operated with proper oversight these facilities can be vital to the management C&DD materials, while creating jobs and investment in a community," he said.

Tim Williams, executive director of the Ohio Manufactured Homes Association, also submitted written testimony, saying the group wants to make sure that water quality is protected without unneeded mandates. He said, however, there have been some concerns that Ohio EPA wanted to go beyond what the U.S. EPA rules by requiring asset management programs, rather than asset management plans.

"This change from 'plans' to 'programs' would require significant additional resources, including the hiring of technical advisors, engineers, accountants, capital asset experts and others," he said.

Mr. Williams said the association supports having plans on file. "We believe the current compromise with the Ohio EPA appears not to go beyond the U.S. EPA mandate and therefore exempts existing sub-metered water systems from asset management 'programs' when receiving all their water from already regulated public water systems," he said.

He added that if the bill is enacted, the organization will work with the OEPA on rules to make sure they follow the intent the agency has expressed.

Public Utilities

HB 133 **DISASTER WORK (Ryan, S.)** To create the Disaster Relief Act to exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) said his proposal will enable out-of-state communications companies, utilities, and other infrastructure companies to "rapidly deploy resources and out of state personnel" when responding to disasters.

"Out-of-state businesses and employees engaging in disaster work in Ohio during the temporary time frame would be exempt from filing any documents before engaging in the disaster work," Rep. Ryan said. "They would also not need to register, file or remit state or local taxes or be subject to any state licensing or registration requirements for a set period of time for both themselves and their equipment."

Employees and companies would still be subject to taxes and other requirements in their home state during this period, the sponsor said. He added that the bill also exempt those employers and their workers from Ohio's workers' compensation and unemployment compensation.

"This expedites the often enormous and overwhelming task of cleaning up, restoring and repairing damaged buildings, equipment and property," Rep. Ryan said. "HB133 gives these

businesses a greater ability to focus on quickly responding to the needs of the state and its citizens during an emergency."

HB 178 **NUCLEAR ENERGY (DeVitis, T.)** Regarding the zero-emissions nuclear resource program. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

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HB 125 **COURT JURISDICTIONS (Craig, H., Seitz, B.)** To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court. (CONTINUED-AMENDED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

Sponsoring **Rep. Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) amended the bill to forbid a township with a population of less than 50,000 from issuing civil citations on interstate highways. The lawmaker said he learned of one township in northern Ohio that is doing so under the guise that the citations are not criminal.

"I find that to be a great exercise in sophistry," he said, before likening the practice to the "great red light speed camera scam that we continue to try to stamp out in Ohio."

HB 56 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Dever, J., Gavarone, T.)** To permit a person who is found not guilty or is the defendant in a dismissed case to apply for an expungement of the person's records in the case if the complaint, indictment, or finding of not guilty resulted from the applicant having been a victim of human trafficking, to permit a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of any record of conviction of an offense, with certain exceptions, if the person's participation in the offense was a result of having been a victim of human trafficking, and to authorize intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution. (CONTINUED-AMENDED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) successfully amended the bill with a change in the length of time a juvenile victim of human trafficking can be held in advance pending completion of a diversion program, which may not be extended for more than two, 90-day periods.

Celia Williamson, director of the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute, said in written testimony that the legislation will remove barriers to entering the workforce for victims of human trafficking.

"As you know, having a criminal record provides employers with reasons to deny employment," she wrote. "HB56 aims to help adult victims who have been rescued have a fair chance to obtain and work a livable wage job through legitimate means and to obtain economic stability. Former victims who can be employed in livable wage jobs are able to pay taxes, buy homes, and live free to pursue their American Dream."

Those barriers, she wrote, oftentimes force victims back into the arms of traffickers. "Without viable employment, individuals face additional barriers such as the ability to obtain safe and affordable housing and benefits to meet basic needs," she wrote.

SB 7 **PROTECTION ORDERS (Bacon, K., Manning, G.)** To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms. (REPORTED-SUBSTITUTE; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)

Before the legislation was reported, a substitute version was adopted. It provides that for violations of a protection order or consent agreement it is not necessary to prove that the defendant was served the order or agreement if the prosecution proves the defendant was shown the order or the agreement or a copy of either, or a judge or magistrate or law enforcement officer informed the defendant about either.

Kathryn L. Cornelius-Blume, staff attorney for Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, said perpetrators of domestic violence regularly evade service of protection orders, especially in rural areas of the state.

"Due to smaller populations, rural areas often do not have as many deputies and/or police officers in urban areas," she said. "Given the sprawling topography and smaller-staff sheriff's departments, it is often difficult to find and serve perpetrators due to lack of resources alone." Ms. Cornelius-Bloom also said that in smaller communities, news travels fast. That allows perpetrators to learn about and more easily dodge protection orders. She also said enforcement varies by counties.

"This lack of continuity from county to county creates an extra wrinkle of complexity for my clients," Ms. Cornelius-Bloom said. "If we believe that service will be an issue, clients must decide whether they want to flee to a county where personal service is not required or stay in their home county and risk not getting a fully enforceable final order."

Alexandria Ruden of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland told the story of Maria, a woman who recently obtained a civil protection order and informed her abuser of the order. However, he could not violate the terms of it at the time because he had not yet been served.

The abuser later broke into her home and beat her with a bat, Ms. Ruden said.

"Three times she sought help when she obtained the order, when she called the police and when she went to the prosecutor," Ms. Ruden said. "And three times, the system that was designed to protect, failed her."

Rep. Seitz informed Ms. Ruden that Maria informing her abuser of the order would still not be covered under the bill.

SB 33 **LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA (Eklund, J.)** To allow disclosure of information from the law enforcement automated data system (LEADS) to a defendant in a traffic or criminal case. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor) Sponsoring **Sen. John Eklund** (R-Chariton) said the legislation will help defense counsel properly represent their clients.

"In order to properly represent a defendant it is necessary for defense counsel to have all the information so that a defense or plea can be appropriately pursued," he said. "Otherwise ludicrous situations occur, such as a person who is charged with driving under suspension being told he is not allow to see the 'secret' records which purportedly establish he was under suspension." Sen. Eklund also said it is not uncommon for records to contain errors due to transposed Social Security numbers, two people having similar names or a person providing law enforcement with a false name.

HB 68 **VOYEURISM (Anielski, M.)** To include an impaired person as a potential victim of voyeurism, to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance, and to prohibit an owner, operator, administrator, or employee of a care facility from creating, sharing, reproducing, or publishing any image of a care facility resident without a proper purpose and without prior written consent from the resident. **(CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)**

Three major changes were made to the bill through a substitute version adopted without objection. The first removes any provision pertaining to voyeurism.

Rep. Seitz called voyeurism "bad and creepy but not necessarily felonious."

The second change ratchets back the felony sentencing increase for all other offenses in the bill from second-degree felonies to third-degree felonies.

"I thought that was a little bit much. We have a prison system that is overflowing as we all know from our budget discussions," Rep. Seitz said.

The final change maintains the requirement for a mandatory prison sentence for the illegal use of a minor or impaired person in nudity-oriented material or performance if the offender also committed a specification of furtherance of human trafficking and the offense involved a minor.

HB 38 **AGGRAVATED MURDER (Greenspan, D.)** To provide that purposely causing the death of a first responder or military member is aggravated murder and to require an offender to serve the prison term imposed for felonious assault on a peace officer, investigator, first responder, or military member consecutively to the prison term imposed for any related offense. **(REPORTED (No testimony) On House floor Wednesday-Pending committee report; 5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)**

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Federalism & Interstate Relations

HB 201 **CONCEALED WEAPONS (Hood, R., Brinkman, T.)** To allow a concealed handgun licensee to carry concealed all firearms other than dangerous ordnance or firearms prohibited by state or federal law; to repeal the

requirement that a licensee stopped for a law enforcement purpose promptly inform an approaching officer if the licensee is carrying a firearm and provide for expungement of convictions based on a violation of the requirement; and to provide that a person age 21 or older and not prohibited by federal law from possessing or receiving a firearm does not need a concealed handgun license in order to carry a concealed firearm and is subject to the same laws regarding concealed firearm carrying as a licensee. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 142

CONCEALED WEAPONS (Wiggam, S.) To eliminate the requirement that a concealed handgun licensee notify a law enforcement officer that the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun when stopped. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HR 85

E-CHECK (Young, R.) To respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to amend the Federal Clean Air Act to eliminate the requirement to implement the E-Check Program and direct the Administrator of USEPA to begin new rule-making procedures under the Administrative Procedures Act to repeal and replace the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; to respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to pass legislation to achieve improvements in air quality more efficiently while allowing companies to innovate and help the economy grow; to urge the Administrator of USEPA to alleviate burdensome requirements of the E-Check Program and the Clean Air Act if Congress and the President fail to act; and to encourage OEPA to explore alternatives to E-Check in Ohio. (REPORTED; 1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Sponsoring **Rep. Ron Young** (R-Leroy) said the legislation is identical to another measure (**HCR 8**), but he introduced another resolution that requires only approval in the House because of "vacillation" on the federal level and legislation related to the issue is at the committee level.

"I believe, it is imperative that a message from the Ohio House be sent to Congress ASAP as they are currently considering this legislation," he said. "HR806 does call for a delay of the implementation of the 2015 standards to 2025 and changes the 5-year review to 10 years." However, he said the legislation does not require a close review of e-check, which could soon impact as many as 34 counties.

Painesville Township resident Augie Landsmann said in written testimony that e-check has been a burden on all of the counties in northern Ohio.

"All these counties have major interstates running through them every day with hundreds of thousands of vehicles from other countries and states, polluting if you will and they are not held responsible for their emissions, and we are, totally unfair and unacceptable," he wrote. Bob Potts of Leroy Township told the panel that he has a vehicle that cannot pass e-check because of check engine light that remains on because of a power train issue.

"So not only is this not an emissions problem, I cannot use a perfectly good truck," he wrote. Douglas Parr of Chardon Township called e-check "an onerous abuse of authority even if it were applied to the entire state rather than just selected counties in this state."

Perry Township resident Jason Farkas, Painesville residents Rev. John Bocchieri and Mary Ann Landsmann also provided written testimony in support of the measure.

HCR 8 MINER PROTECTION (Cera, J.) To urge the Congress of the United States to enact the Miners Protection Act of 2017- (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsoring Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire) urged the panel to move the legislation that would encourage the federal government to keep its promise made to miners to support their pensions and health care.

"They are not asking for a hand out - they have earned every dime," he said. "Passing this resolution shows that the Ohio Legislature supports these men and women. Not just at election time when it's politically convenient, but when they need our help the most after their bodies are broken and they struggle to breath from Black Lung disease."

Rep. Cera said the Miners Protection Act has the support of both U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland) and U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park).

Asked by Rep. Paul Zeltwanger (R-Mason) how the fund got into such dire financial straits, Rep. Cera attributed it to bankruptcies in the industry and less reliance on coal.

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Economic Development, Commerce & Labor

HB 164 ROOFING CONTRACTORS (Patton, T.) To require commercial roofing contractors to have a license. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor Rep. Tom Patton (R-Strongsville) said the bill would include roofing contractors in the state's system for licensing construction contractors.

"The roofing profession has continued to become more and more technical," Rep. Patton said. "The ability to have qualified licensed contractors working on a crucial part of public and private commercial buildings is important. Contractors believe this is a route that will make Ohio safer."

People who wish to receive a roofing contracting license would need to satisfy similar requirements as other construction contractors, but those who are already commercial roofing contractors who meet certain criteria could be grandfathered into the licensing system.

Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (D-Youngstown) wondered if the measure was agreed upon by both union and independent contractors. Rep. Patton assured her that both groups believe the bill to be beneficial because they are both opposed to the unaccountability of "storm chasers" who perform shoddy work.

"This bill is a simple way to license commercial roofing contractors in the same effective and efficient way that other specialty contractors are currently licensed while providing needed protections for public and private owners and helping to regulate the independent contractor abuse that is undermining Ohio's economy," Rep. Patton said.

Rep. Michael Sheehy (D-Oregon) asked if this was another example of why we need local government to oversee construction issues. Rep. Patton responded, "We can never have enough oversight," adding that the bill would enable local government to pick the most qualified workers for their residents.

The distinction between the contractors and the roof installers was brought up by Rep. Steven Arndt (R-Port Clinton), who wondered if the installers themselves would need to be licensed. Rep. Patton explained that the contractor's license would cover both him and his installers, and would make them all accountable for their work.

HB 128 **BUILDING INSPECTIONS** (Roegner, K.) To permit a general contractor or owner of specified buildings to enter into a contract with a third-party private inspector or a certified building department for building inspection and to make other changes relating to building inspections. (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Bryan Williams, director of government affairs for Associated Builders and Contractors, said the bill would allow permissive third party, fully licensed inspections paid for by the general contractor or project owner in lieu of the public building department.

The practice already happens on a regular basis in Ohio, he said.

"Why is this necessary? Because many building departments stymie the timely construction of projects in their jurisdiction simply because they are unable or unwilling to hire more inspectors," he said. "Additionally, some departments are not willing to admit that their departments lack the professional expertise to inspect a unique and complicated aspect of a specific project."

Mr. Williams said it won't decrease the qualifications for individuals who conduct inspections, and that it wouldn't let contractors "shop" for friendly inspectors. The state would create a list of licensed people and the inspector would be assigned from that list.

Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) asked if it would affect the enforcement of local governments' building codes.

"The key is, whatever that local building department approved as plans, that is what is supposed to be built," Mr. Williams said.

Rep. Lepore-Hagan asked if the bill would affect local control over building inspections.

"The critics of the bill will say that because it does breach the monopoly local departments have on inspections," Mr. Williams said. "Most contractors would exercise this authority that they'd have only when they'd need to do so, because otherwise they'd have to pay twice."

Rep. Arndt asked if limiting the period to an inspection to 24 hours is best, or if it would be better to require that appointments could be made four days in advance for a specific 24 hour period.

"That is a reasonable concern and certainly would be a reasonable modification," Mr. Williams said.

HB 77 **CHILD CARE CENTERS** (Retherford, W.) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Education & Career Readiness

HB 170 **COMPUTER SCIENCE** (Carfagna, R., Duffey, M.) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a

competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation. (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-All testimony)

Chelsey Cook, principal of John Marshall IT School in Cleveland, said her school is the first in the state to focus on computer science. Students are offered three pathways, including software development, health IT and cyber security and networking. Each pathway is sponsored by a university.

"We believe computer science is an equity issue," she said. "We believe all students should have access to computer science in the state of Ohio."

Nigamanth Sridhar, a professor of computer science at Cleveland State University, said computer science should be taught in every school in the state and that every student should have access to it.

"Computer science is increasingly becoming a necessary knowledge skill for future high school graduates," he said. "Even among students who choose not to enter a college program majoring in computer science or taking a job in computing, there is still a necessity of having a basic understanding of the digital world that we live in."

Jon Phillips, managing director of vertical practice for Dell EMC, said there is rising demand for workers with a computer science background. He said teaching computer science at an early age can help more children learn the process and a different way of thinking.

He recommended some best practices, such as developing a state standard for K-12 computer science education, teaching essential literacy skills and math concepts behind computer science skills, creating pathways to careers, preparing good teachers and educating communities about careers.

Roger Archbold, senior state alliance manager for Microsoft, said STEM career fields are most in demand, and the bill would help move the state toward better preparing students for those careers.

"I would encourage and recommend that this committee goes above and beyond just computer science by offering industry recognized certifications as part of this legislation," he said.

Stephanie Hoepfner, representing the Computer Science Teachers Association, said the bill will elevate the level of computer science education in Ohio. Computer science goes beyond programming and data analysis, she said.

"It is a way that we look of just how to solve problems," she said. "Gone are the days of just reading, writing and arithmetic."

Rep. Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield) asked if the appropriation of \$2.5 million was needed to improve the teaching of computer science.

"I do not believe that the funding for HB170 should be for equipment," Ms. Hoepfner said, indicating that support for professional development for teachers was more important. "The equipment is not the pivotal feature for whether or not someone can learn computer science."

Kelli Shrewsbury, executive director of the Teaching and Learning Collaborative in Worthington, praised the bill's support for expanded professional development programs in computer science.

"Finding ways to effectively integrate computer science and computational thinking into a content area for elementary grades is an important effort in ensuring that computer science is embedded in Ohio's elementary classrooms as well as middle and high school," she said."

HB 200 SCHOOL CHOICE (Koehler, K.) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor **Rep. Kyle Koehler** (R-Springfield) said the bill, a companion of legislation in the Senate (**SB 85**), would create an income-based scholarship program to offset the cost of attending chartered non-public schools.

The bill would create a new scholarship program for families with incomes below 400% of the poverty level.

"By expanding the educational opportunities through this new scholarship for students from low income families, we will ensure that no child in Ohio is stuck in a school that does not effectively prepare them for the future due to inability to pay," he said.

Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) asked if the plan would help those struggling public schools.

"I believe we have a responsibility to help them have a choice to move away from a school district that is not effectively educating their children," Rep. Koehler said.

Rep. Patterson said the bill could cause more problems for public schools by taking away funding.

Rep. Koehler said it's a matter of choice for the families.

"There are thousands of children who are in our public school system who choose to stay there," he said. "I believe what we're doing is providing choice."

HB 176 SCHOOL TESTING (Thompson, A.) With to regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor **Rep. Andy Thompson** (R-Marietta) said the bill changes standards, reduces the number of exams, allows school districts to choose the standards they want to work with.

"We know that greatest factor in each student's success is the quality of that student's teachers," he said. "Not every teacher is excellent, but our current approach limits severely teachers' ability to do their best, because the demands of testing and the linkage of test results to teachers' evaluations create a climate that is at best stressful, and at worst intolerable."

Other changes in the bill include making the third grade reading guarantee test a permissive diagnostic tool, eliminating the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, fourth and sixth grade social studies assessments and the fall administration of the third-grade English Language Arts Assessment, among others.

"House Bill 176 is not a panacea for whatever ails local districts, but it is a significant step in the right direction, to an educational system that is more bottom up and less top down, that is

more responsive to local needs and concerns, and one that empowers those that are closest to the people they represent," he said.

Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) asked if the bill would lead to cost savings at the local level.

Rep. Thompson said there would be "substantial savings" by districts not having to have as much staff to handle testing and curriculum issues with the Common Core standards.

"I think the purpose of education is to educate kids, not merely to prepare them for some job that they're going to do," Rep. Thompson said.

Rep. Patterson suggested the Joint Education Oversight Committee could be used as a way to evaluate some of the proposals.

Finance

The panel reviewed and reported the Bureau of Workers' Compensation budget (HB27) following its report from the Insurance Committee (*see separate story*) per a requirement that it hear all appropriation bills.

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Dear House Representative LaTourette,

My name is Wezlynn VanDyke Davis and I would be so grateful for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the overwhelming opposition small female business owners have for HB 189.

I have been an advanced licensed professional for 9 years, a small business owner for 6 years, and Iâ€™ve been a consultant to female entrepreneurs in the beauty industry for the past 3 years. Small business owners and licensees do not agree that HB 189 will build on common sense reforms, enacted through SB 123 of the 131st General Assembly, but feel HB 189 is crippling to small female owned businesses (which makes up 61% of the market) as it seeks to reduce our education by 30% and 50%, eliminate our educational and licensure options, and strip us of reciprocity.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of personal appearance jobs (Salon and Spa Industry) is projected to increase 31% percent between 2008 and 2018, three times the rate of growth of total U.S. employment (11percent) during the same period. And as a result, educational and licensure options are extremely important in order to become a marketable professional with career options.

Summary of the legislation: Legislation introduced by the Ohio Salon Association and the Professional Beauty Association to per the Future of the Beauty Industry Coalition â€œaddress overly burdensome cosmetology licensing law.

While this legislation is couched as economically favorable for cosmetologists, small businesses and licensees feel it is actually an effort by a non-profit corporation that is a front for big salon business to control the market for licensed beauty industry professionals.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation.

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To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.

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To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident.

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E-CHECK (Young, R.)

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Civil Justice

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STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS (Dever, J.)

Relative to transfers of structured settlement payment rights.

Criminal Justice

SB 4**HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Kunze, S., Oelslager, S.)**

To allow a person who is found not guilty of an offense or who is the defendant named in a dismissed criminal charge to apply for a court order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the charge or not guilty finding was the result of the applicant having been a human trafficking victim, to allow a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of the conviction record of any offense, other than a specified disqualifying offense, the person's participation in which was a result of having been a human trafficking victim, and to allow intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution.

Economic Development, Commerce & Labor**HB 230****FLAG DISPLAY (Gonzales, A., Ginter, T.)**

To prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag.

Education & Career Readiness**SB 8****SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY & SAFETY (Gardner, R., Terhar, L.)**

To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.

HB 220**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Leland, D.)**

With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools.

HB 224**SCHOOL FOODS (Ingram, C.)**

To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging.

Energy & Natural Resources**HB 225****OIL GAS WELLS (Thompson, A.)**

To allow a landowner to report an idle and orphaned well or abandoned well, to require the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management to inspect and classify such a well, to require the Chief to begin plugging a well classified as distressed-high priority within a specified time period, and to authorize an income tax deduction for reimbursements paid by the state to a landowner for costs incurred to plug an idle or orphaned well.

Federalism & Interstate Relations**HB 228****GUN LAWS (Johnson, T., LaTourette, S.)**

To assign to the prosecution the burden of disproving a self-defense or related claim, to expand the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat before using force under both civil and criminal law, and to modify the Concealed Handgun Licensing Law regarding a licensee's duty to keep the licensee's hands in plain sight, the penalties for illegally carrying a concealed firearm or improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, and the posting

of warning signs regarding the possession of weapons on specified premises.

HB 233

FIREARMS (Becker, J.)

To enact the "Decriminalization Effort For Ending Notorious Deaths (DEFEND)" to provide an opportunity for a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to avoid guilt for carrying a concealed handgun into a prohibited place if the person leaves upon request, and to penalize as disorderly conduct failing to leave upon request or returning with a firearm.

Finance

HB 221

WATER SEWER PROJECTS (Holmes, G.)

To expressly include, as eligible projects under the State Capital Improvements Program administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, water and sewer laterals located on private property.

Government Accountability & Oversight

HB 218

PARK DISTRICTS (Seitz, B.)

To expand a probate court's powers and duties with regard to a park district.

HB 222

VOTER ID (Greenspan, D.)

To specify that a concealed handgun license qualifies as photo identification for voting purposes.

Health

HB 231

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Ginter, T., Sprague, R.)

To require pharmacists to offer to dispense controlled substances in lockable or tamper-evident containers.

Higher Education & Workforce Development

HB 217

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS (Brenner, A.)

To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission.

State & Local Government

HB 229

DAY DESIGNATION (Romanchuk, M., Wiggam, S.)

To designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

Transportation & Public Safety

HB 219

SPEED LIMITS (Boccieri, J.)

To specify that a speed limit becomes effective at a reasonable distance from the appropriate sign giving notice of the speed limit.

HB 227

LICENSE PLATE (LaTourette, S.)

To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

Ways & Means

HB 232

TAX DEDUCTION (Rogers, J., Rezabek, J.)

To authorize, for six years, a personal income tax deduction for attorneys and pass-through entity law firms based on the number of hours the attorney performed pro bono legal work for indigent clients

through a legal aid society and the expenses associated with that work.

SENATE ACTIVITY REPORT

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SB 155

SECURITY RESOURCES (Terhar, L., Peterson, B.)

To allow electric distribution utilities to recover costs for a national security generation resource.

SB 156

CALL CENTERS (Schiavoni, J., Yuko, K.)

To enact the Consumer Protection Call Center Act of 2017 to require the Department of Job and Family Services to compile a list of all employers that relocate a call center to a foreign country and to disqualify employers on that list from state grants, loans, and other benefits.

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HOUSE CALENDAR

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Bills for Third Consideration

S. B. No. 9 – Senator Bacon

Cosponsors: Senators Hottinger, Manning, Obhof, Eklund, Hoagland, Balderson, Uecker, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Hite, Lehner, LaRose, Williams, Schiavoni, O'Brien, Hackett, Wilson, Peterson, Brown, Burke, Dolan, Oelslager, Sykes, Thomas Representatives Schaffer, Scherer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Patmon, Retherford, Ryan

To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.

(House committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, March 29, 2017, p. 310.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 22, 2017, p. 173.)

(Senate committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 22, 2017, p. 171.)

(Senate committee on Rules and Reference recommends re-referral, see Senate Journal, February 8, 2017, p. 120.)

H. B. No. 132 – Representatives Dever, McColley

To amend section 3772.03 and to enact sections 3774.01, 3774.02, 3774.03, 3774.04, 3774.05, 3774.06, 3774.07, 3774.08, and 3774.09 of the Revised Code to grant the Ohio Casino Control Commission the authority to regulate fantasy contests and to exempt fantasy contests from the gambling laws.

(Pending Committee Report.)

H. B. No. 63 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Leland, Kent, Boggs

To amend sections 2903.11, 2929.01, 2929.13, and 2929.14 and to enact section 2941.1425 of the Revised Code to require an additional prison term for felonious assault of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, or 20 years if the offender also is convicted of a specification that charges that the harm caused by the violation resulted in a permanent, serious disfigurement or substantial incapacity or that the offender used an accelerant in committing the violation and to name the act's provisions "Judy's Law."

(Pending Committee Report.)

Am. H. B. No. 8 – Representatives Hambley, Rezabek

Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, Thompson, Koehler, Riedel, Dean, Blessing, Goodman

To amend section 149.43 and to enact section 149.436 of the Revised Code to exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident and to allow the parent or guardian of the minor to request a record of the accident containing the exempted information.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 362.)

H. R. No. 85 – Representative Young

Cosponsors: Representatives Retherford, Becker, Goodman, Zeltwanger, Koehler

To respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to amend the Federal Clean Air Act to eliminate the requirement to implement the E-Check Program and direct the Administrator of USEPA to begin new rule-making procedures under the Administrative Procedures Act to repeal and replace the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; to respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to pass legislation to achieve improvements in air quality more efficiently while allowing companies to innovate and help the economy grow; to urge the Administrator of USEPA to alleviate burdensome requirements of the E-Check Program and the Clean Air Act if Congress and the President fail to act; and to encourage OEPA to explore alternatives to E-Check in Ohio.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends adoption, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 474.)

(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)

Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22, 1125.23, 1125.24, 1125.25, 1125.26, 1125.27, 1125.28, 1125.29, 1125.30, 1125.33, 1181.01, 1181.02, 1181.03, 1181.04, 1181.05, 1181.06, 1181.07, 1181.10, 1181.11, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1349.16, 1509.07, 1509.225, 1510.09, 1514.04, 1707.03, 1901.31, 2335.25, 3351.07, 3767.41, 4303.293, and 5814.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1103.01 (1113.01), 1103.06 (1113.04), 1103.08 (1113.12), 1103.09 (1113.13), 1103.11 (1113.11), 1103.13 (1113.14), 1103.14 (1113.15), 1103.15 (1113.16), 1103.16 (1113.17), 1103.21 (1117.07), and 1113.01 (1113.02) and to enact new section 1121.52 and sections 1101.05, 1103.99, 1109.021, 1109.04, 1109.151, 1109.441, 1109.62, 1114.01, 1114.02, 1114.03, 1114.04, 1114.05, 1114.06, 1114.07, 1114.08, 1114.09, 1114.10, 1114.11, 1114.12, 1114.16, 1115.02, 1115.03, 1115.24, 1116.01, 1116.02, 1116.05, 1116.06, 1116.07, 1116.08, 1116.09, 1116.10, 1116.11, 1116.12, 1116.13, 1116.16, 1116.18, 1116.19, 1116.20, 1116.21, and 1121.19, and to

repeal sections 1105.06, 1107.01, 1109.60, 1115.18, 1115.19, 1115.25, 1121.52, 1133.01, 1133.02, 1133.03, 1133.04, 1133.05, 1133.06, 1133.07, 1133.08, 1133.09, 1133.10, 1133.11, 1133.12, 1133.13, 1133.14, 1133.15, 1133.16, 1151.01, 1151.02, 1151.03, 1151.04, 1151.05, 1151.051, 1151.052, 1151.053, 1151.06, 1151.07, 1151.08, 1151.081, 1151.09, 1151.091, 1151.10, 1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.13, 1151.14, 1151.15, 1151.16, 1151.17, 1151.18, 1151.19, 1151.191, 1151.192, 1151.20, 1151.201, 1151.21, 1151.22, 1151.23, 1151.231, 1151.24, 1151.25, 1151.26, 1151.27, 1151.28, 1151.29, 1151.291, 1151.292, 1151.293, 1151.294, 1151.295, 1151.296, 1151.297, 1151.298, 1151.299, 1151.2910, 1151.2911, 1151.30, 1151.31, 1151.311, 1151.312, 1151.32, 1151.321, 1151.323, 1151.33, 1151.34, 1151.341, 1151.342, 1151.343, 1151.344, 1151.345, 1151.346, 1151.347, 1151.348, 1151.349, 1151.35, 1151.36, 1151.361, 1151.37, 1151.38, 1151.39, 1151.40, 1151.41, 1151.411, 1151.42, 1151.44, 1151.45, 1151.46, 1151.47, 1151.471, 1151.48, 1151.49, 1151.51, 1151.52, 1151.53, 1151.54, 1151.55, 1151.60, 1151.61, 1151.62, 1151.63, 1151.64, 1151.66, 1151.71, 1151.72, 1151.99, 1153.03, 1153.05, 1153.06, 1153.07, 1153.99, 1155.01, 1155.011, 1155.02, 1155.021, 1155.03, 1155.05, 1155.07, 1155.071, 1155.08, 1155.09, 1155.091, 1155.10, 1155.11, 1155.12, 1155.15, 1155.16, 1155.17, 1155.18, 1155.20, 1155.21, 1155.23, 1155.24, 1155.25, 1155.26, 1155.27, 1155.28, 1155.31, 1155.35, 1155.37, 1155.41, 1155.42, 1155.43, 1155.44, 1155.45, 1155.46, 1155.47, 1157.01, 1157.03, 1157.04, 1157.05, 1157.06, 1157.09, 1157.10, 1157.11, 1157.12, 1157.13, 1157.14, 1157.17, 1157.18, 1157.19, 1157.20, 1157.21, 1157.22, 1157.23, 1157.24, 1157.25, 1157.26, 1157.27, 1157.28, 1157.29, 1157.30, 1157.33, 1161.01, 1161.02, 1161.03, 1161.04, 1161.05, 1161.06, 1161.07, 1161.071, 1161.08, 1161.09, 1161.10, 1161.11, 1161.111, 1161.12, 1161.13, 1161.14, 1161.15, 1161.16, 1161.17, 1161.18, 1161.19, 1161.20, 1161.21, 1161.22, 1161.23, 1161.24, 1161.25, 1161.26, 1161.27, 1161.28, 1161.29, 1161.30, 1161.31, 1161.32, 1161.33, 1161.34, 1161.35, 1161.36, 1161.37, 1161.38, 1161.39, 1161.40, 1161.41, 1161.42, 1161.43, 1161.44, 1161.441, 1161.45, 1161.46, 1161.47, 1161.48, 1161.49, 1161.50, 1161.51, 1161.52, 1161.53, 1161.54, 1161.55, 1161.56, 1161.57, 1161.58, 1161.59, 1161.60, 1161.601, 1161.61, 1161.62, 1161.63, 1161.631, 1161.64, 1161.65, 1161.66, 1161.67, 1161.68, 1161.69, 1161.70, 1161.71, 1161.72, 1161.73, 1161.74, 1161.75, 1161.76, 1161.77, 1161.78, 1161.79, 1161.80, 1161.81, 1163.01, 1163.02, 1163.03, 1163.04, 1163.05, 1163.07, 1163.09, 1163.10, 1163.11, 1163.12, 1163.121, 1163.13, 1163.14, 1163.15, 1163.19, 1163.20, 1163.21, 1163.22, 1163.24, 1163.25, 1163.26, 1163.27, 1165.01, 1165.03, 1165.04, 1165.05, 1165.06, 1165.09, 1165.10, 1165.11, 1165.12, 1165.13, 1165.14, 1165.17, 1165.18, 1165.19, 1165.20, 1165.21, 1165.22, 1165.23, 1165.24, 1165.25, 1165.26, 1165.27, 1165.28, 1165.29, 1165.30, 1165.33, 1181.16, 1181.17, and 1181.18 of the Revised Code for the purpose of enacting a new banking law for the State of Ohio.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

Sub. H. B. No. 41 – Representative Pelanda

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Hambley, Seitz, Sprague, Blessing

To amend sections 3503.24, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3505.20, 3505.21, 3509.06, and 3511.11 and to enact section 3509.051 of the Revised Code to modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and the procedures for processing absent voter's ballots and for casting absent voter's ballots in person.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 357.)

Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Seitz

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Am. H. B. No. 46 – Representative Sprague

Cosponsors: Representatives Arndt, Blessing, Dean, Henne, Schaffer, Seitz, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 135.35 of the Revised Code to modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 357.)

Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

H. B. No. 60 – Representatives Hambley, Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Sheehy, Becker, Retherford, Thompson, Stein, Green

To amend sections 4506.01, 4506.11, 4507.01, 4507.13, and 4507.52 and to enact sections 4506.072, 4507.021, 4507.061, and 4507.511 of the Revised Code to authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 474.)

Am. H. B. No. 69 – Representative Cupp

Cosponsors: Representatives Blessing, Dever, Hambley, Hill, Faber, Seitz, Arndt, Carfagna

To amend section 5709.40 of the Revised Code to require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 450.)

H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

Sub. H. B. No. 95 – Representatives Hughes, Seitz

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Carfagna, Green, Johnson, Manning, Patton

To amend sections 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 4511.121, 4511.132, 4511.204, 4511.205, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4511.213, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713, 4511.72, and 4511.73 and to enact section 4511.991 of the Revised Code to establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is a contributing factor to the commission of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 18, 2017, p. 490.)

Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

Am. H. B. No. 116 – Representative Merrin

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Boccieri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

H. B. No. 122 – Representatives Hambley, Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Smith, K., Sheehy

To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 451.)

Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick

Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Boccieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

H. B. No. 196 – Representative Lipps

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sprague, Riedel, Wiggam, Smith, R., Boccieri, Thompson, Sweeney, Lepore-Hagan, Antonio, Stein, Cupp, Miller, Huffman, Gavarone, Antani, Johnson

To enact section 5.2518 of the Revised Code to designate October as "Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 475.)

Sub. S. B. No. 7 – Senators Bacon, Manning

Cosponsors: Senators Obhof, Beagle, Gardner, Uecker, Eklund, LaRose, Skindell, Huffman, Hite, Brown, Schiavoni, Hoagland, Wilson, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Hackett, Hottinger, Jordan, Kunze, Lehner, Oelslager, Peterson, Sykes, Tavares, Terhar, Thomas, Williams, Yuko Representatives Manning, Rezabek, Celebrezze, Butler, Conditt, Cupp, Kent, Rogers

To amend section 2919.27 of the Revised Code to provide the circumstances when service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order.

(House committee on Criminal Justice recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 472.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs recommends amended bill for passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 195.)

(Senate committee on Rules and Reference recommends re-referral, see Senate Journal, February 8, 2017, p. 120.)

S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas

Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

Sub. S. B. No. 25 – Senator Hottinger

Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Bacon, Balderson, Dolan, Eklund, Gardner, Hoagland, Skindell, Thomas, Yuko Representatives Manning, Rezabek, Conditt, Rogers

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 729.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 483 of the 130th General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to create the Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on January 1, 2018, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Perry County County Court on that date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Perry County Municipal Court, to provide for the election for the Perry County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2017, to modify the provisions regarding the membership of the Criminal Justice Recodification Committee, and to declare an emergency.

(House committee on Criminal Justice recommends passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 260.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 15, 2017, p. 148.)

(Senate committee on Judiciary recommends substitute bill for passage, see Senate Journal, February 14, 2017, p. 131.)

S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze

**Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson
Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)

Have a great evening!

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HOUSE CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY - MAY 24, 2017 - 1:30 PM

Bills for Third Consideration

S. B. No. 9 – Senator Bacon

Cosponsors: Senators Hottinger, Manning, Obhof, Eklund, Hoagland, Balderson, Uecker, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Hite, Lehner, LaRose, Williams, Schiavoni, O'Brien, Hackett, Wilson, Peterson, Brown, Burke, Dolan, Oelslager, Sykes, Thomas Representatives Schaffer, Scherer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Patmon, Retherford, Ryan
To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.

(House committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, March 29, 2017, p. 310.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 22, 2017, p. 173.)

(Senate committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see Senate Journal, February 22, 2017, p. 171.)

(Senate committee on Rules and Reference recommends re-referral, see Senate Journal, February 8, 2017, p. 120.)

H. B. No. 132 – Representatives Dever, McColley

To amend section 3772.03 and to enact sections 3774.01, 3774.02, 3774.03, 3774.04, 3774.05, 3774.06, 3774.07, 3774.08, and 3774.09 of the Revised Code to grant the Ohio Casino Control Commission the authority to regulate fantasy contests and to exempt fantasy contests from the gambling laws.

(Pending Committee Report.)

H. B. No. 63 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Leland, Kent, Boggs

To amend sections 2903.11, 2929.01, 2929.13, and 2929.14 and to enact section 2941.1425 of the Revised Code to require an additional prison term for felonious assault of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, or 20 years if the offender also is convicted of a specification that charges that the harm caused by the violation resulted in a permanent, serious disfigurement or substantial incapacity or that the offender used an accelerant in committing the violation and to name the act's provisions "Judy's Law."

(Pending Committee Report.)

Am. H. B. No. 8 – Representatives Hambley, Rezabek

Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, Thompson, Kochler, Riedel, Dean, Blessing, Goodman

To amend section 149.43 and to enact section 149.436 of the Revised Code to exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident and to allow the parent or guardian of the minor to request a record of the accident containing the exempted information.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 362.)

H. R. No. 85 – Representative Young

Cosponsors: Representatives Retherford, Becker, Goodman, Zeltwanger, Koehler

To respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to amend the Federal Clean Air Act to eliminate the requirement to implement the E-Check Program and direct the Administrator of USEPA to begin new rule-making procedures under the Administrative Procedures Act to repeal and replace the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; to respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to pass legislation to achieve improvements in air quality more efficiently while allowing companies to innovate and help the economy grow; to urge the Administrator of USEPA to alleviate burdensome requirements of the E-Check Program and the Clean Air Act if Congress and the President fail to act; and to encourage OEPA to explore alternatives to E-Check in Ohio.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends adoption, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 474.)

(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)

Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Bocchieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

Sub. H. B. No. 41 – Representative Poland

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Hambley, Seitz, Sprague, Blessing

To amend sections 3503.24, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3505.20, 3505.21, 3509.06, and 3511.11 and to enact section 3509.051 of the Revised Code to modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and the procedures for processing absent voter's ballots and for casting absent voter's ballots in person.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 357.)

Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Seitz

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Am. H. B. No. 46 – Representative Sprague

Cosponsors: Representatives Arndt, Blessing, Dean, Henne, Schaffer, Seitz, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 135.35 of the Revised Code to modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 357.)

Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

H. B. No. 60 – Representatives Hambley, Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Sheehy, Becker, Retherford, Thompson, Stein, Green

To amend sections 4506.01, 4506.11, 4507.01, 4507.13, and 4507.52 and to enact sections 4506.072, 4507.021, 4507.061, and 4507.511 of the Revised Code to authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 474.)

Am. H. B. No. 69 – Representative Cupp

Cosponsors: Representatives Blessing, Dever, Hambley, Hill, Faber, Seitz, Arndt, Carfagna

To amend section 5709.40 of the Revised Code to require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 450.)

H. B. No. 76—Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

H. B. No. 88—Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

Sub. H. B. No. 95—Representatives Hughes, Seitz

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Carfagna, Green, Johnson, Manning, Patton

To amend sections 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 4511.121, 4511.132, 4511.204, 4511.205, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4511.213, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713, 4511.72, and 4511.73 and to enact section 4511.991 of the Revised Code to establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is a contributing factor to the commission of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 18, 2017, p. 490.)

Am. H. B. No. 104—Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccheri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

Am. H. B. No. 116—Representative Merrin

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Kochler, Dean, Boccheri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)